

## Buck's Online

### The Watermen: Carvel Hall Knives

These crab and oyster knives were produced by the company Carvel Hall. This company began under the name of Briddell in 1895 and was known for its production of equipment for World War II and the first common steak knife, known as the Carvel Hall (19). After a brief closing due to bankruptcy, Carvel Hall reopened in 1990, bringing jobs back to its home of Somerset County, Maryland and its products back to the market (20).

The crab and oyster knives produced by Carvel Hall were known for their ornate designs and use by watermen (20). Buck's Store carried Carvel Hall products for local watermen, including crab and oyster knives. Carvel Hall watermen products lived up to their branch's motto of "known for highest quality wherever seafood tools are used"; Buck's sale of these items in a local general store indicates a wide-spread supply chain that reached and united far-flung watermen (21). These tools provide a rare connection between Guinea watermen and a brand.