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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

This is a letter which I have intended to write for a long time but just never seem to have set down to it. I failed to make the meeting at the University of Illinois so we didn,t meet as planed.

I did the Archaeological Survey for the I.A.S. this past summer in the Central Mississippi Valley. My usual job is teaching anthropology and sociology here at Southeast Mo, State College. For the past 25 years I have been doing some flint knapping. I have included some photoes of some of my work.. From my efforts it would appear that there is a good deal of data in the literature which is in error. I notice that you have made similar observations in Pfeiffer,s work " The Emergence of Man ". Although I can knap well enough I can't seem to develop a technique for detaching flakes large enough or thin enough to produce large points. Would you care to share with me your technique for doing this.?

I demonstrate tool making to my students and have found that it gives them a better perspective of how early man dealt with his enviroment. I think it also helps to clear away some of the debris contained in the literature.

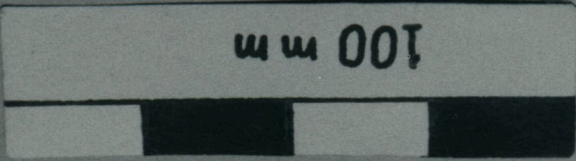
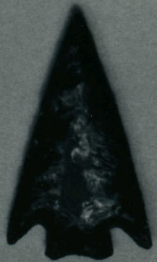
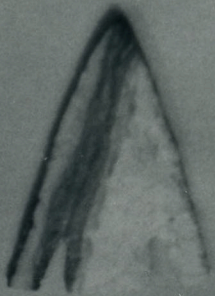
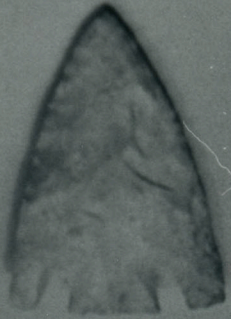
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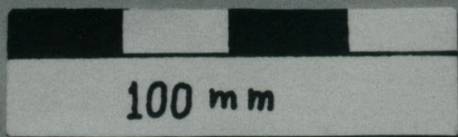
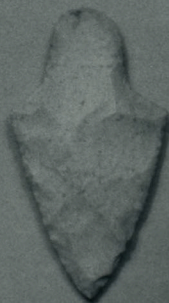
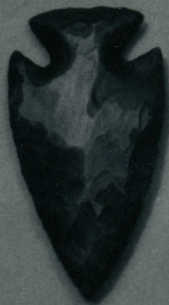
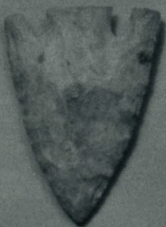
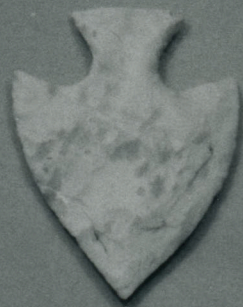
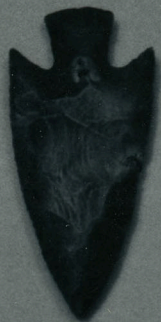
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