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Dean Sin:

Thank you for your letter of June 19th and please excuse the tardy reply. My wife has been and is very ill with cancer and I have just had no time to keep current with correspondence.

I do wish I had the time to make the gun flints for you but with the wife's illness and trying to keep up my work at Idaho State University, there would just be no time. Perhaps sometime we can get together.

When I was in New York in February, I purchased some of the Brandon flintknapper's flints at Abercrombie-Fitch Dept. store and if you would write to them, am sure you could purchase in large lots at about the price you quote.

Much success to the muzzleloading buffs and do hope you find a source.

Yours very truly,

Don E. Crabtnee