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Dear Evelyn and Don:

I've owed you a letter for a long time, during most of which time we've been down in Maine and only just returned.

The disheartening thing about your telephone call last summer was that when I returned home and tried to return your call, the desk at The Lenox reported that there was no one by the name of Crabtree registered. Evidently you had checked out.

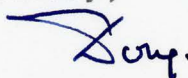
It was indeed a shame that you didn't send me advance warning that you were coming. Our place in Maine is about 240 miles away, but we can make it in a little over four hours, and I would have gladly come back to Andover for you visit. I had alerted the collectors from Bull Brook that you would be in the area, and we could have had a good look at their material. I think you would have enjoyed talking with Nick Vaccaro who has taken up flint napping on his own and experimented with some of the local rocks.

It seems most likely that the Bull Brook artifacts are made from flint from the Normanskill outcrop, not far from Albany, New York. I had hoped to go pick up some of this material from the exposures in that area, but this sudden onset of winter rather puts the fix on that idea for the time being. If I can find some of the flint I want to make a few tools and subject them to various kinds of pressures to see how they break. I suspect that "side-scrapers" were held at one end for they break transversely with what looks like a pressure fracture, and I'm quite sure that the side of the "end-scraper" was used for some purposes, because the sides of these tools are often broken off.

This week I intend to get back to a study of the artifacts, but today I'm nursing a cold and staying in out of a cold damp rain, just escaping from being snow!

All best to you both, and may we have better luck next time!

Cordially,



Douglas S. Byers

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