



## November 2020 Update

We have a great idea for you for Christmas gifts! Our history book, **Esmont Virginia**, is now ready for purchase!! Here's how to order:

1. Go to **Amazon.com** or **Barnes and Noble.com**
2. Search on "History Books"
3. Search on "Esmont Virginia"

**You will be able to order a hard copy for \$15.99 or an eBook for \$4.99. Let's make it a bestseller!!**

Your local bookstores can also order the book for you from their usual suppliers. If you have a Library in your community, ask them to buy copies.

I have attached a copy of the Press Release showing a picture of the book. Please share with friends and neighbors.

**Who Is The Calendar Lady??** The next attachment is a picture of one of two calendars given to us by someone who found them in an antique shop in the Fluvanna County area. The **Purvis Store calendars** are for the years 1963 and 1970. The lady who had them originally made copious notes on them. I made a list of those notes, which is also attached, in hopes you could help me identify the lady who made them. Let me know if you have an idea of who she is. Both calendars are being framed and will eventually hang in the Purvis Store Market and Esmont Museum.

We still have not closed on the **Purvis Store property** because the owner still does not have a clear title. We are pushing hard to finalize this transaction.

We have almost completed the work on **two Esmont History Posters** that should be available for distribution in the next few weeks. One poster is *A Map of Historical Locations Near Esmont and Porters*, the other shows nine pictures with captions, of historical places and people in Esmont. More information will be sent out later on how to get the posters.

A new page is being added to our website, labelled **DONORS**. It is an alphabetic listing of all who donated to the Purvis Store Market fund, making it possible for us to make our offer to purchase the property. Send us your donation and get your name on that list!

Contact me with comments/questions.  
Peggy



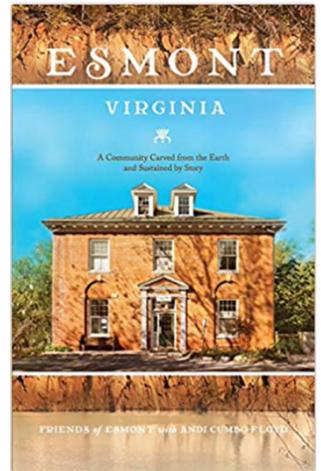
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**For Immediate Release: 11/18/20**

**Friends of Esmont announces publication of its history book, Esmont Virginia**  
*A community carved from the earth and sustained by story*

Friends of Esmont, Inc., proudly announces the publication of its history book, **Esmont Virginia**, available for purchase in local bookstores and on Amazon. The **Esmont Virginia** history book was made possible by Preservation Piedmont through distribution from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation's Watha J. Eddins, Jr. Fund, dedicated for protection of historic resources and advancement of cultural heritage in Virginia, by Virginia Humanities, and The Caplin Foundation of Earlysville.

**Esmont Virginia** history addresses Land Grants from the mid to late 1700s, and the historic plantations built in the area in the 1700s and 1800s, most of which have been carefully preserved and are still residences. Many significant churches, some dating back to the 1800s are addressed along with schools from early days of Porters, Chestnut Grove and Esmont Village, and a Forward written by author Jan Karon of Charlottesville.



The rich industrial and commercial history including quarrying slate and soapstone, building railroad lines connecting Warren, Esmont, Schuyler and Alberene, building and creating the busy regional Esmont National Bank and other commerce are all detailed in this amazing book.

Peggy Denby, Chair of Friends of Esmont, says, "We are delighted we had the opportunity to research, document, and now share the rich and interesting history of Esmont, Porters and Chestnut Grove areas that for all these many years had been untold."

Andi Cumbo-Floyd, the historian and author, commented "having grown up in Breemo Bluff, a rural Virginia community, I fell in love with Esmont's long history, its economic boon, and its continuing heart-beat in the lives of its people."

Friends of Esmont is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, organized in 2018 to rejuvenate the historic village of Esmont. The Board of Directors has selected seven projects to fulfill this mission which include, in addition to the History: Building a walking/riding trail; memorializing the Esmont Depot; creating a wildlife wetland; restoration of historic houses in the village; restoration of Purvis Store as a marketplace for grocery store and local arts/crafts; and gaining easier access to Fulfillment Farm for recreational purposes.

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Available for purchase at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and through local bookstores.  
Hard Copy: \$15.99 – eBook: \$4.99



**Purvis Store Calendar notes:** 1963 and 1970 written by the same person.

**1963**

Feb 6 went to see F and Cary

Feb 12 Mrs. Steger – hospital

Feb 17 Phyllis home

Feb 21 Dawn last calf

Feb 23 Bill & Dollie move their new house

Feb 27 Mrs Steger out of hospital

Feb 28 Petunia's last calf

March 1 Peggy killed during the night

March 6 Eulina here

March 25 Took Whitley to B. Ridge Sanitorium

April 2 Took Mr. Miller to hospital

April 4 Mr. Miller died in the night

May 15 Elena and I saw a big black bear

May 24 Russell brought me home before he went to work

June 8 H & N moved back home

June 9 Billy Ragland here

June 18 Spent the night at Zeda's

June 21 Came home from Phyllis'

June 23 Lloyd N 53 today

July 5 Jack and Libby Lane here

July 10 Jack goes to McGuier hospital

July 32 Saw McCullough Harris and family Betty

August 8 Came back to C'ville and met Waverly

August 17 H & N moved back to Esmont

August 24 Sold first watermelon

August 28 Saw Ellen

September 6 Planted geranium slip Mrs Beasley gave me

September 22 Told Lloyd to stay away

September 28 Aunt Inez, Eva, Vera and Viola were here. Mamie did not come.

October 13 Took Patty, Charles and Daisy's picture

November 19 Went with Russell home

November 20 Billy brought me home

December 14 Billy Ragland spent the night

December 17 Day of trial ended

December 17 Jack Lanuma (sp) died

## **1970**

January 3 Percy's left leg amputated

January 11 Mrs. Estes in hospital/ Phyllis, Lettie and Eliz here/ Russel started work at Mail Annex

January 23 Percy died this a.m.

January 28 At Florence and Cary

January 31 Steve is 10 today

February 4 Gary Michael is 10 today

February 5 Check up on Thursday with Dr. Morton

March 7 Pam got her car

March 9 Mamie and Bob Newcomb were here

May 7 Russell bought rug to me

May 10 Tommy Carolyn and girls here  
May 18 Grandfather Savins (sp) 91<sup>st</sup> birthday  
May 23 Dannice Baber and husband Miller here  
June 14 Libby, Doug and Sharon here  
June 22 Herman cut hay  
June 28 Billy Ragland, Phyllis and Russell here  
June 10 spent Friday night at Clarice's  
June 16 check up with Dr. Moody  
June 17 Carrie and Naomi here  
June 20 Mr. Crawford and Mr. Higgins here  
July 31 Leroy has glasses  
August 2 Herbert and Shirley here  
August 9 Went to Centenary Homecoming  
August 22 Myrle Hall's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
September 7 paid Eddie Leathers to cut wood  
September 22 Penny died  
October 17 Harry Smith 65 years old  
November 17 Bobby Shifflett ate lunch here with Russell