



February 2021 Update

Our big news item is the **history book and posters**. We have sold about 300 books to date and added New Dominion Bookshop, Scottsville Museum, Baines Bookstore in Scottsville, and Schuyler Quarry Gardens to the list of places selling the book! The history poster and the book are on display in the New Dominion Bookshop window on the Mall in Charlottesville, they are displaying the map poster in the store (see second pic below). Both of the posters are framed and hanging in the Post Office in Esmont (first pic below). Copies of the book and posters are now in the Small Collections Library at Alderman Library at UVA, in their Local History Section. Monticello scholars are vetting the book for inclusion in the Monticello Gift Shop. Making the front page of the Daily Progress on Christmas Day also helped sales!

The books can be ordered from Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and any local bookstore can order them. Free posters are available at Yancey Community Center or you can send me a check for \$5 and I will mail them to you.

We have extended our **closing date on the Purvis Store Market (PSM)** to the end of February. The owner assures us he will be able to close by then. I will send out a special announcement when the closing happens! Meanwhile, we continue researching possible funding opportunities and have begun writing a PSM Business Plan that will accompany our funding inquiries.

A group of us went on a hike to find the **Carbolane Quarry** and there it was as beautiful as ever 120 years later. Henry Lane discovered slate on his property, Esmont Farm, in 1899, and he and two friends began quarrying slate in Esmont at this location. They named it after themselves: Danial Carroll, George Boswick and Henry Lane. I have included a picture of the quarry at the end of this email.

I was just recently introduced by email to Beau Lane, from Kentucky, the great grandson of John Lane, Henry Lane's brother. The two brothers worked together on building the N&A Railroad and Esmont Village. I look forward to meeting Beau in person when we are allowed to safely visit again. A story sent to me by Beau is posted on our website along with the other oral histories. To read it, click [here](#).

Shortly after meeting Beau, I was introduced to Lucille Smith, who is researching the Esmont Colored High School for a book. John Lane was instrumental in getting that school built, so I will introduce Mrs. Smith and Beau Lane. Timing on meeting these two people could not have been better!

Take care everyone, hope to get back soon with some positive information on closing date for Purvis Store Market,

Peggy

Posters on Esmont Post Office Wall



History Book & Poster in Window - New Dominion Bookshop, Charlottesville Mall



Carbolane Quarry

