

THE REINHARDTS continued...

I have an archive of Madison County resources here at home, so I am able to continue my work even though the libraries are closed. Because of that, I also take questions. Lots of folks who are researching either their home, or their Madison County family, call for advice or to see if I have materials available that might help. I'm happy to help (children or adults) with their projects if I can. This is a great time to start a family tree!

Those interested in reading some of my stories can visit <https://madcohistory.org/mchs-news-archives/> where past newsletters are archived. The January 2015 issue has been getting a lot of attention recently. That issue is on the flu pandemic of 1918 in Madison County (Vol 3, No. 1). There was also an issue on St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Vol 5, No. 3).

Mike - Mike is fortunate in that many of his regular activities can be done while practicing social distancing. He works on the Book Fair at church when no one is around. He's a runner and can still use the trails. However, he is using some of the less-travelled paths because many of the regular trails are getting crowded. He's also hiking some of the back trails at SIUE that he hasn't been on for a while but knows very well.

Mike is one of those guys that is very familiar with SIUE and the campus. He started classes at SIUE before there were campus buildings, taking classes at the old Shurtleff College campus (now the SIUE School of Dental Medicine) and at the East St. Louis Campus. He was a student worker at Lovejoy Library, before the building was completed, working out of a garage at a tract house on Bluff Road to process incoming accessions that would one day be put on the shelves of the new library. Later he worked at the Wagner Complex (still for the library) that is now the Nelson Campus of LCCC. After military service (Viet Nam), he returned to SIUE where he worked at the University Bookstore and Lovejoy Library for 34 years before retiring.

Mike loves to garden so he is enjoying the early spring this year. He appreciates being able to enjoy the outdoors while preparing the yard for annuals that can soon be planted. There is always something in bloom in our yard from March through October, thanks to his efforts.

Just a Thought:

When I'm sitting in my house, attending Sunday services via the internet, I love the idea that Elizabeth-Jim-Ian are doing the same thing just a few feet away...in the house next door! I like the National Cathedral's service (with music and service bulletin to follow along) but also take in Father Ben's sermon.

