For God/providers, work-subjects, tech aides, readers, archivists, medics, friends, family, esp. Rose, Tom & Joy Marcou, & Matt & Jessica A. Marcou & their family-to-be.

“All these native peoples, forests, birds, & animals occupy a country more beautiful than France.”—A letter from DvJM’s ancestor Louis Joliet, 10-10-1674, to Menegner De laerval.

“[F]ind a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”—Mark Twain (a Marcou Family Motto).


“To consult the rules of composition before making a picture is a little like consulting the law of gravitation before going for a walk.”—Edward Weston.

“The eye should learn to listen before it looks.”—Robert Frank.

“A camera is a tool for learning how to see without a camera.”—Dwight Lange

“[T]he (many) years to come, people will be able to look back on your 5th volumes and learn a lot about C20/C21 life.”—Jon Tarrant, Emer. Ed. British Journal of Photography.

“I very much appreciate having [your Spirit of America] as part of my library.”—April ’02 American Spirit author/2X Pulitzer-winner David McCullough notes to DvJM re SAI.

“Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.”—Mary.

“When you come, you make something from nothing.”—Refugee boy on BBC who doesn’t like sitting in a room all day & likes entertainers who engage children creatively.

“Never give up.”—Sir Winston Churchill.

Stated: David Joseph Marcou’s 139th book. His works have been nominated for Pultizers & P O H I, have won Sept. 12th Initiative & Governor’s Commendation awards, & have been shown at the Smithsonian. He has freelanced for nytimes.com, theguardian.com, thetimes.co.uk, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, RPS Journal, BIFI, Business Korea, La Crosse Tribune, Catholic Life, Greenpeace, Missouri Life, Smithsonian mag, etc. He springs from explorers (incl. Louis Joliet), farmers, teachers, shop-keepers, meat-cutters, record-keepers. His son Matt A. Marcou is an Army Ranger combat medic veteran, magna cum laude university graduate, & electrical engineer married to talented artist/university teacher Jessica A. Marcou.

Cover photos: (Far Left) Tethered American Queen, LaX, 8-11-17 (DvJM). (Top L-R) Caitlin & Elizabeth ±, gale by Riverside Pk. fountain, LaX, 8-11-17 (DvJM). (Firing up Neighborhood City Church Block Party, LaX, 8-12-17 (DvJM). (Middle Right) People sleeping in Cameron Pk., LaX, 8-9-17 (DvJM). (Bottom L-R) Lakota Edward & daughter Molly, NCCGT, LaX, 8-12-17 (DvJM). (House yard with many US flags & flowers, 8-7-17 (DvJM).

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Person in hammock. Riverside Pl., LaX, 8-8-17 (DvJM).
Skateboarder in Pearl St. composition, LaX, 8-9-17 (DvJM).
Jules sidewalk panoramic, Pearl St., LaX, 8-9-17 (DvJM).
2 posters for violent films, Hollywood Theatre, 8-9-17 (DvJM).
Mom & 2 boys, Cameron Pl., LaX, 8-9-17 (DvJM).
Giving marquee, LaX, 8-10-17 (DvJM). Text by Lisa Hesbeck & C. Robinson.
Elder walking with cane in alley, LaX, 8-10-17 (DvJM).
Young man riding bike, 8th & Cameron, 8-10-17 (DvJM).
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Mom & little 1 in stroller, NCCBP, LaX, 8-12-17 (DvJM).
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Statue of Liberty, NYC, actual year: 2000 (Photo by Jon Tarrant).
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