

# MY INFLUENTIAL RELATIVE

[My Father, James Bowey II]

# Well, what has he done?



## For others:

My dad is a photojournalist. He traveled the world starting in his mid-twenties, when he started his own business. He currently works with refugees and has a refugee exhibition that is up around Minnesota, called “When Home Won’t Let You Stay”.

## For me:

His claim to my fame is probably all the time he has spent working with me, and supporting me and my passions. He is so patient and only wants me to succeed. He made his mark on me by showing me what it means to be a good person, and never giving up.

# His career and life.

My dad was born on September 19, 1962.

In 2016, he completed his MFA in photography. His thesis project has changed many times, and morphed into what he is most passionate about today. He loves photography and cameras.

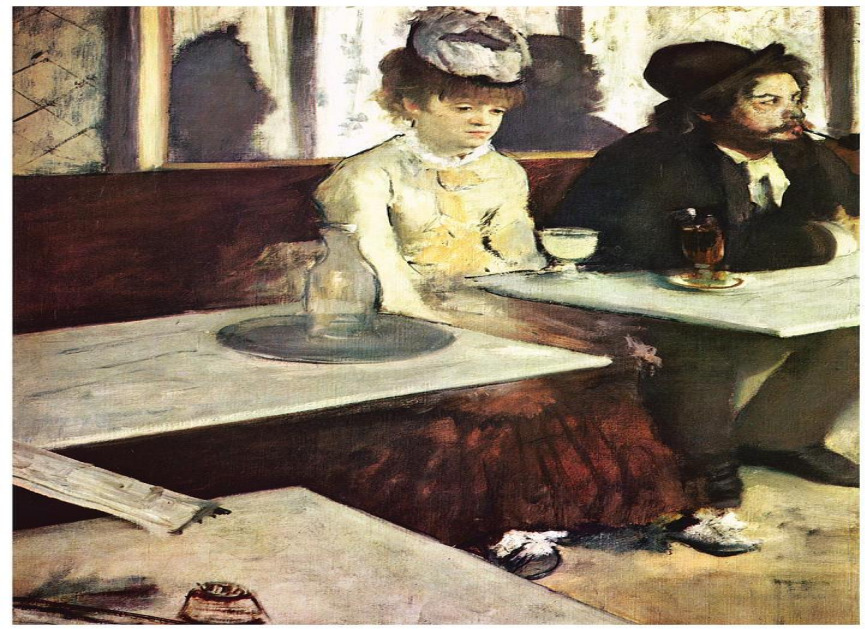
I think he has always been active in his career. There has never been a point where he's stopped working.

# Where has he lived?

My dad has lived in Connecticut, St. Louis, Ohio, Milwaukee, Minnesota, and Chicago. As a kid, he moved around a lot because of his dad's job.



**Were there any outside forces that influenced him? Who/what was *his* claim to fame?**



My dad's father (my grandpa) always influenced my dad and helped him to reach his goals. My dad was inspired to be a photographer by the painting "L'absinthe" by Edgar Degas. (shown above)

# **What's his motivation? Why does he do what he does?**

My dad is motivated, and does what he does, because he wants all people to have a better understanding of the less understood—the people we often stereotype, and the less fortunate people in this world. He advocates for people in need.

**Was he always a  
topic of praise?  
Or did it take time  
to achieve  
success?**

My dad is a hard worker. It took time to be the great person he is today, and it took time to achieve his goals!

He went to college at Marquette, and wasn't studying to be a photographer. He wanted to go into law, but after seeing that painting, he knew photography was for him. He didn't have his life planned out for him- nothing is as easy as that.



THANK YOU FOR LEARNING ABOUT  
MY WONDERFUL FATHER!!