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Pursuit of Equality: The Unfinished Work of American Freedom. color. 81 min. Geoff Callan & Mike Shaw, Enough Said Prods. & Emmett Brooks Prods., dist. by Passion River, DVD

"I now pronounce you spouses for life." With these words, the first legal same-sex marriage ceremony in the United States, in San Francisco in 2004, concludes, and *Pursuit of Equality* begins. Unlike the recent *Milk*, which suffered from too neutral a point of view, this documentary has heart while trying to present a logical argument inclusive of opposing views. The filming of participants and narrators is clear and unobtrusive, the directors wisely staying out of the way of the power of personal testament. Personal beliefs aside, the sight of hundreds of couples standing religiously in line in the rain to be legally married is overwhelmingly emotional. Each ceremony, unique in its way, demonstrates undeniable joy. Though the first, the City of San Francisco is no longer the only American government entity to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples. This multi-award-winning film never dodges still raging controversies while answering the often-asked question, "What makes a family?" Highly recommended.

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