

Measured Moments

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My mother grew up in a very wealthy _____^{Noun} in Massachusetts, for her father was an _____^{Noun} at MIT as an engineer. He died very young and there was a series of unfortunate events that took place in her _____^{Noun} that left them a little more economically disadvantaged. They were able keep their house in the _____^{Adjective} community, but they were barely holding on to their home. As my _____^{Noun} grew older, she developed a mental illness, something her family had been unable to deal with. When my mother had me, she had been working, but the _____^{Noun - Plural} from pregnancy contributed to her mental illness worsening. She was no longer able to work and welfare ended up being a safety net for her and I. I was on welfare for the first ten years of my _____^{Noun} (1982 through the early nineties), for I was a dependent child upon my mother's care. We _____^{Verb - Past Tense} in programs such as Wick and food stamps, and I even _____^{Verb -} _____^{Past Tense} to head start. We also had housing through Section 8. I remember when I was very young, my mother and I were on a _____^{Verb - Present Tense} list for more appropriate housing for almost two years. The two of us had been living in a one-room studio _____^{Noun} that had _____^{Noun - Plural} and rats. My mother had gone back to school, trying to get her Bachelor's Degree, but her illness had again prevented her from _____^{Verb - Present Tense} her education. We hung on by the _____^{Noun} of our teeth frequently. I remember getting a thousand dollars from a family member to buy back to _____^{Noun} clothing and _____^{Adjective} necessities. Within a week or two of buying these desperately needed items, there was a fire in our _____^{Noun} building, and we lost everything. There was no recovering because of course we had no _____^{Noun} for renter's insurance, and so we had to start all over again. We again had to be _____^{Verb -} _____^{Past Participle}

on the list for _____ *Adjective* _____ housing because now we were living in a motel room, which was all that we could afford, while we waited for supported _____ *Adjective* _____ housing. Mostly all of the children and _____ *Noun - Plural* _____ we interacted with in the apartment buildings that we _____ *Verb - Past Tense* _____ in were also on public assistance.