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**Robert McMillan Randolph
Papers, (1930-2015)**

Center for Restoration Studies
Manuscripts #61

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About this collection

Title: Robert McMillan Randolph Papers

Creator: Robert McMillan Randolph

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #61

Physical Description: 3.15 linear feet (7 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1930-2015

Dates (Bulk): 1940-1980

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: The Randolph papers contain materials relating to *Mission Journal* and Brookline Church of Christ.

The institutional records of *Mission Journal*, as collected by Robert McMillan Randolph in his capacity as member of the *Mission* board of trustees, include correspondence, mailings, board documents, financial papers, a staff directory, articles, speeches, pamphlets, clippings, and manuscripts.

An accrual processed on February 27th, 2017, added seventy folders of correspondence, budget meetings and minutes, and material related to the history of Brookline Church of Christ, the Boston Movement, the Crossroads Movement, and the role of women in the church.

The collection also contains some of the personal papers of Robert Randolph. The papers center around two events: the Atlanta conference on race relations in 1969 and the founding of Brookline Church of Christ in Boston, Massachusetts. The materials in this collection include correspondence, printed materials, photographs, newsprint articles, and legal documents. Two bound copies of Lemoine Lewis' class notes and E.W. McMillan's Bible were removed from the collection to be cataloged. In addition, a framed article by Katie Hays (minister of West Islip Church of Christ) titled "Communion Meditation" is included. This article was written in reflection of the events occurring on September 11, 2001 and was in the Brookline Church of Christ Bulletin on September 30, 2001.

Arrangement Note: The processors retained Randolph's original order and folder labeling. The framed article is located in Flat File A7.

Biographical Note:

Robert McMillan Randolph has degrees from Abilene Christian College, Pepperdine University, Yale, Brandeis, and the Andover Newton Theological School. He has worked at Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1978, and he played a vital role in organizing and founding what is known as student Support Services. Randolph is now MIT's Chaplain to the Institute. Prior to MIT, Randolph was a chaplain, an inner-city minister, a director of residence, and an instructor in history.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Robert McMillan Randolph

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Arrangement of Materials: The financial papers are arranged chronologically and the correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

Separated Materials:

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- United States

Manuscripts

Inventory

Box 1

[First Folder] Finding Aid

Series I – Correspondence

Subseries A – Individual

Adrian-Bohnam

Boothe, Ben

Boyd-Buckner

Burch, Walter

Burgess, LaJuanna

Butterfield-Buzbee

Cannon-Durham

Edwards-Fulbright

Garner-Holladay

Holley, Bobbie Lee

Holmes-Indermill

James, Larry

Jay-Kothmann

Langford-Matthews

Merrel-Nichols

Obenhaus-Rice

Sackett-Summerlin

Taliaferro-Wright

Unidentified People

Subseries B

“Friends of Mission”

Ad Hoc Survival Committee

Board of Trustees 1981-1985

Board of Trustees 1986-1988, no date

Series II – Board Documents

Duties of Board

Board Meeting no date, but pre-1981

Board Meetins 1981

Board Meeting 1982

Board Meeting 1983

Board Meeting/Reader’s Forum January 1984

Board Meeting/Reader’s Seminar June 1984

Board Meeting 1985

Board Meeting 1986

Board Meeting 1987

Resumes/Curriculum Vitae

Series III – Printed Material

Directories of Board Members

Pamphlets and Clippings
Christian Scholars Conference
Coping with the Challenge of Change January 1985

Series IV – Financial Papers

Budgets
Monthly Pledge Reports/Income and Expenses
Donor Lists
Bank Note
Addresses and Lists

Series V – Literary Productions

Articles and Speeches
Manuscripts
WEBCO survey report
WEBCO survey completed questionnaire – “?” and blank
WEBCO survey completed questionnaire – “NB”
WEBCO survey completed questionnaire – “B”

Brookline accrual

1. Conversation 2003 - Schedules for a weekend church event and organizational notes.
2. Hiram Lester - “Hiram was my Greek teacher at Yale Divinity School” on folder. Folder contains a tribute to the life of Hiram Lester, dated 1998.
3. Churches of Christ Directory - Contains a draft of a directory for Churches of Christ in New England and a letter addressed to Churches of Christ in Boston about visiting Puerto Rican faithful.
4. Ray Chester - letters regarding Ray’s illness and the ill-feelings between Ray and Brentwood Church of Christ in Austin, Texas, due to his departure.
5. B.C.C ‘98 - contains notes and a copy of a 1995 “Seventeen” article regarding a girl joining a “Church of Christ Cult” / Boston Church of Christ.
6. O.D. Duncan letter Oklahoma State - letters regarding the establishment of a Church of Christ in Manhattan, New York City, New York.
7. Brookline Church - contains financial and investment documents regarding the transfer of shares, printed e-mails regarding donations, and a letter from Lloyd Randolph about the donation of shares.
8. Brookline Steering Committee - contains personal notes and information pack regarding the duties of the steering committee of Brookline Church of Christ.
9. Chad Smith Brookline - contains document relating to the hiring of Chad Smith in 2013-2014, and documents detailing the history of Brookline Church of Christ and its long term goals and strategy.
10. Le Moine Lewis - Contains letters from or by Le Moine Lewis regarding things such as church charters.

11. Graddock - A CNN article about Fred Graddock who preached at Brookline Church of Christ in 2005.
12. Scott Haile 2015 - Contains emails between Scott Haile and Robert Randolph.
13. Le Moine Lewis Article - contains resume of Le Moine Lewis.
14. Joel Harter - papers regarding Joel Harter's ordination.
15. Vernon Boyd - contains letters and articles from Vernon Boyd in 1997.
16. Notes on Resume - contains documents related to the constitution and governmental documents of Brookline Church of Christ.
17. Brookline / - contains church directories from the 1990's of Brookline.
18. Brookline Church of Christ - contains documents regarding Brookline Church of Christ Budget in 1983, changes to bylaws, and Church Bulletins.
19. Steering Committee 1983-1984 - contains notes, minutes, and budgets for the steering committee.
20. Brookline Contributions - contains Christmas Cards.
21. Ruth McCarron - contains obituary for Ruth McCarron
22. Brookline Young Adults - contains church bulletin, directory from Wilney Ave. Church of Christ, and letter of resignation to Brookline Steering Committee.
23. Brookline Minutes - contains letter from Fred D. Gray, and a resume from Matthew Cooper.
24. Wednesday Night '95 - contains information and notes on a wednesday class on theology.
25. Brookline 2011 - contains notes on Brookline class.
26. Dot Ingham - email about the death of Dot Ingham.
27. R.C. Foster Apostasy in Our Colleges - contains printed out article of R.C. Foster in 1954.
28. Brookline after September 11th, 2001 - Continues the written service for 9/11.
29. Brookline Church of Christ 02-03 - contains budget for Brookline Church of Christ and resume for Christopher J. Bray.
30. Brookline - contains sermon transcript and church bulletins.
31. Brookline - Contains newsletters and personal letters.
32. Bulletins - contains bulletions of Brookline Church of Christ.
33. Sermons - Contains sermons, sermon notes, and outlines.
34. Boston Church Article - Contains articles relating to the Boston Movement and Boston Church of Christ.
35. Tucker Street Church - contains bullens and letters relating to Turker Street Church.
36. Crossroad movement - containing articles and letters related to the Crossroad movement.
37. Brookline Budget - contains budget reports and member lists for 1943, 1953, and 1956.
38. Directories of Lexington and Brookline - contains tracts, directories, and booklets from Lexington and Brookline Church of Christ.
39. Papers with accounts of the 25th Anniversary of Brookline Church of Christ - contains letters and bulletins regarding 25th Anniversary of Brookline Church of Christ.

40. Papers from various sources regarding Brookline, MN, Church - contains budgets and meetings and directories from Brookline Church of Christ.
41. Women's Church and Ministry - contains materials regarding women's roles.
42. Women / Micki A. Pulley thesis - contains papers relating to women's roles and a draft of Pulley's thesis.
43. Religious Preface List - contains budgets and steering committees regarding church life.
44. Free-Hardin Church Works - papers regarding the Free-Hardin Conference on the role of woman in the church.
45. Lewis Scholarship - papers related to the Lewis Scholarship.
46. Letters - contains letters from Randolph's time as Dean of Student Affairs at MIT.
47. Brookline RMR - 1991-93 - contains letters from steering committee over contract agreements and budgets from 1992-93.
48. Brookline 1985 - contains documents related to pastoral responsibilities and salaries.
49. Brookline 83-84 0 documents related to a Church of Christ conference, minutes of Brookline Steering Committee meeting, letters, and the program for the installment of a new chaplain at MIT.
50. Faneuil Hall - FF - contains a letter addressed to Lloyd about churches and donations, dated 2/21/89.
51. BFW - contains documents and brochures related to a charity known as "Bread For the World".
52. Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra - contains two copies of "Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra".
53. Brookline '92-'93-'94 - contains documents about Robert M. Randolph's task allocation in 1993-94 and a paper on the role of woman.
54. Brookline Notes and Letters - contains written and typed sermons and sermons notes for a variety of venues, and personal letters.
55. The Christian Scholarship Foundation - contains letters of recommendations for those applying for the scholarship.
56. Church of Christ in the postmodern era - contains papers and articles for the Christian Scholar Conference.
57. Chapel Hill Church of Christ - contains letter of invitation to the Chapel Hill Church of Christ lectures and sermon notes.
58. C.o.C Address - contains documents relating to Brookline and directory of Churches of Christ in New England.
59. Brookline and Bulletin - contains steering committee minutes and memos, letters about the crossroad movement, and women's roles.
60. 1983-Hebrew - Contain sermons and notes on Hebrews.
61. Culture meets Culture : Christian Men and Women in the First Century Palestine - contains thesis of the same name.

62. Brookline - General History - contains notes and documents relating to Brookline Church of Christ history.
63. Richard Hughes and C.o.C. - contains articles of Richard Hughes on the Churches of Christ.
64. Doug Foster - contains articles written by Doug Foster.
65. The C.o.C in the 90's Doug Foster - continues thesis of Doug Foster of the same name.
66. Marriage Hymns - contains scanned copies of hymns.
67. Christmas - contains documents bulletins and sermons of the Christmas Service.
68. Copies of Letters written by/to RMR - contains letters written to or by Robert M. Randolph
69. Cahaba Valley C.o.C - letters related to women's roles and activities at Cahaba Valley Church of Christ.
70. Maundy Thursday - contains service notes relating to Maundy Thursday.