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**Helen Morey  
Papers, (1981-1987)**

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Manuscripts #563

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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Helen Morey Papers

**Creator:** Helen Morey

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #563

**Physical Description:** 6 folders

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1981-1987

**Dates (Bulk):** 1981-1987

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** Six folders of materials related to Helen morey's travels and work with the Boston Movement and Crossroads Movement.

**Biographical Note:** Submitted by Helen Morey:

“Helen Morey and her two brothers were born in Orlando Florida and were raised by a godly mother, Ida Mae (Hale) Morey who was originally from Pikeville, Tennessee. Her father, a retired army sergeant, eventually started attending church near the end of his life.

Baptized at 11 years old in a bathtub on a military base in Europe, she and her family later moved to New Smyrna Beach Florida and her father went on to Vietnam and other army bases. Her family was active members of the small Magnolia Street Church of Christ in New Smyrna. Re-baptized at 16 because she was unsure she knew enough at 11, at graduation she wanted to go to a Christian college and she selected Pepperdine University.

She graduated from Pepperdine in 1975 and stayed a year longer, working in the Library. She decided to get her masters in library science and had heard about the successes of Crossroads Church of Christ. When she learned that the campus minister in Tallahassee was a graduate of Crossroads, she decided to move back to Florida, to attend FSU. While in Tallahassee she attended the Call Street Church of Christ when Bruce Wiliams was the campus minister. Call Street was her first introduction to the Crossroads-type programs of soul talks and prayer partners.

After graduation, she moved to Gainesville to grow more as a Christian. She worked at nearby Central Florida Community College in Ocala for ten years. While at Crossroads, she took part in a summer mission to London, and also attended several Boston meetings. Eventually, she, like many others, began to believe that while well-meaning, many of the church practices were controlling and did not contribute to true spiritual growth. She then moved to Ocala and was a member of the Maricamp Road Church of Christ.

Several years later she returned back to New Smyrna to care for her mother and resumed her membership in the Magnolia Street church of Christ (now renamed the New Smyrna Beach church of Christ). She currently still attends this congregation, and yes, at the time of this writing, she still works as a librarian (Bethune-Cookman University).

These items were donated to scholars in the hope they will be a record of the many good lessons she learned from the Crossroads times, but will also be a cautionary tale of trying to develop a one-size-fits-all formula for Christian outreach and growth.”

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