



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
bill bissett fonds**

**Inventory #F0266**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0266

**Title:** bill bissett fonds

**Dates:** 1948-2002

**Extent:** 26.22 m of textual records  
2 audio discs  
ca. 450 photographs  
47 audio cassettes  
25 audio reels  
1 audio compact disc  
0.79 m of graphic material  
3 boxes of objects

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** bill bissett (1939- ), poet, artist and musician, was born in Halifax and educated at the University of British Columbia where he received his B.A. in 1956. He founded Blewointment Press in 1962 as a medium for young poets and published several of his own volumes under its imprint. bissett is the author of several books of poetry including, 'Fires in the temple,' (1966), 'Nobody owns the earth,' (1972), 'Medicine my mouths on fire,' (1974), 'Canada gees [sic] mate for life,' (1985), and 'Inkorrekt thots,[sic] (1992). bissett has held several solo art exhibits in Vancouver, Toronto and London (Ont.). In addition, he has recorded several albums with his band The Luddites including 'Luddites,' (1988), 'Shining spirit,' (1989), and 'Luddites dreemin uv th nite,' [sic] (1991).

**Scope and Content:** The fonds documents bissett's activities as a poet, visual artist, musician and editor and has been arranged into the following series:

S00245	Correspondence
S00246	Personal papers
S00247	Professional papers
S00248	Material by or about others
S00249	Sound recordings

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access except accessions 1999-041 and 2002-040: access to be determined.

**Finding Aid:** File lists available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000266.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1976-002, 1983-005, 1986-008, 1989-024, 1989-031, 1992-009, 1996-020, 1999-041, 2002-040. Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** The original accession (1976-002) was a transfer of materials acquired from bill bissett between 1966-1974 from the Rare Book Room, Scott Library. Subsequent accessions were donated by bissett in 1983, 1986, 1989, 1992, 1996, 1999 and 2002.

**Provenance Access Points:** bissett, bill, 1939-

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