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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates
1928-1994

Extent
30 cm of textual records
1 photograph
1 U.W.O. athletics patch

Biographical Sketch
Albert Clare Bice was born on January 24, 1909 in Durham, Ontario to Reverend A.A. and
Elizabeth (née McKay) Bice. Moving to London with his family in 1910, Clare Bice graduated
with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1928. After studying
under Eva Bradshaw in London, Ontario, Bice attended the Art Students' League and the Grand
Central School of Art, both in New York City, between 1930 and 1932.

While working for an advertising agency and as a commercial artist, Bice began writing in the
1930's. His first of five children’s books, Jory’s Cove, was published in 1941. Bice joined the
Western Art League in 1932, and acted as its secretary from 1934 to 1940.

Aside from his three years of war-time service, between 1942 and 1945, Bice was curator of the
London Art Gallery from 1940 to 1972. He also held part time teaching positions at numerous
schools of art throughout Southern Ontario. Clare Bice was a member of the Ontario Society
of Artists, the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, and the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto.

Bice was the recipient of the Canadian Government Fellowship (1952), the Canada Arts
Council Senior Fellowship (1962 for art and 1972 for writing), and the Canadian Centennial
Medal (1967). He received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Western
Ontario in 1962, and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1973.

Clare Bice married Marion Reid (b. 1916) in November, 1943. The couple had two children:
Kevin Bice (b. 1946) and Megan Bice (b. 1949).

Clare Bice died on May 18, 1976 while on a sketching trip in Newfoundland. Marion Bice
died in 1998. Clare Bice is interred at Woodland Cemetery in London, Ontario.

Scope and Content
This fonds contains the business and personal papers of Clare Bice. Personal and business
correspondence, records relating to Bice’s art and writing, and other documents are
included. Letters and other documents kept by Marion Bice after Clare Bice’s death are also
included.
Arrangement
The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Journals
Series 2: Notebooks
Series 3: Athletics newspaper clippings
Series 4: Personal correspondence
Series 5: Miscellaneous personal documents
Series 6: Art documents
Series 7: Writing documents
Series 8: Financial records
Series 9: London public library and art museum report

Finding Aids
File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Donated by Marion Bice in 1994.

Related Material
Western Archives has many records from the Western Art League that cover Clare Bice’s time with the organization. Records can be found in boxes B4352, X1533, and X1534.

Associated Material
Library and Archives Canada has the Clare Bice fonds (reference number LMS-0070). This fonds includes many original sketches, drafts of books, watercolour paintings, and research notes.

Conditions Governing Access
No restrictions on access.
Series 1  Journals

Dates
  1929-1942

Extent
  4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
  This series contains journals kept by Clare Bice. Entries on personal and business topics are included.

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Series 2  Notebooks

Dates
   [ca. 1930], 1936-1975

Extent
   2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
   This series contains small notebooks kept by Clare Bice. Addresses, Christmas card lists, and general notes are included.

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Series 3  Athletics newspaper clippings

Dates
1928

Extent
1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains newspaper clippings of teams of which Clare Bice was a member. Clippings of the University of Western Ontario’s 1928 rugby and basketball teams are included.

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Series 4  Personal correspondence

Dates
1930-1994

Extent
5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains personal correspondence written to Clare and Marion Bice. Letters from friends and associates, as well as letters of condolences and correspondence related to Clare Bice’s artistic legacy, are included.

Arrangement
This series is arranged in the following sub-series:
Sub-series 4.1: Clare Bice personal correspondence
Sub-series 4.2: Marion Bice personal correspondence and other documents
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Sub-series 4.1  Clare Bice personal correspondence

Dates
1930-1975

Extent
3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
This sub-series contains personal correspondence written to Clare Bice. Letters from friends S. Stansfield Sargent and Albert Fowler predominate.

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Series 4.2  Marion Bice correspondence and other documents

**Dates**
1976-1994

**Extent**
2 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content**
This sub-series contains letters and other documents sent to Marion Bice after her husband’s death. Letters of condolence, memorial service programmes, and other documents are included. Documents detailing art exhibits produced after Clare Bice’s death and letters regarding his literary works, are also included.

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Series 5  Miscellaneous personal documents

Dates

Extent
2 cm of textual records
1 U.W.O. athletics patch : embroidered felt

Scope and Content
This series contains various personal items retained by Clare Bice. Dance cards, souvenir papers from vacations, a patch from Bice’s university athletics experiences, a guest book, and other documents are included.

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<td>1939-1940</td>
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Series 6  Art documents

Dates
   1936-1976

Extent
   6 cm of textual records
   1 photograph : b&w ; 11x9 cm

Scope and Content
   This series contains documents relating to Clare Bice’s career as an artist. Correspondence, exhibit programs, legal documents, a photograph of one of Bice’s paintings, and other documents are included.

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Series 7  Writing documents

Dates
1931-1976

Extent
5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains documents relating to Clare Bice’s writing career. Correspondence, a copy of a book draft, and other documents are included. Correspondence dealing with Clare Bice’s works, sent to Marion Bice after Clare’s death, is also included.

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Series 8  Financial records

Dates
1933-1975

Extent
4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content
This series contains financial records relating to Clare Bice’s writing and artistic endeavours. Records of income, travel expenses, and lists of painting prices and sales are included.

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Series 9  
**London public library and art museum report**

**Dates**
1972

**Extent**
1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**
This series contains a report outlining the origins, purposes, and accomplishments of London, Ontario’s art gallery and affiliate organizations. The art gallery itself, the London Art Gallery Association, the Women’s Committee to the Art Gallery, and the Junior Women’s Committee are discussed.

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