

**Collection name:** Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan [Hendrik's Diary]

**Collection number:** BMFNM-7

**Dates:** 1882-1969

**Quantity:** 1 box

**Provenance note:** On April 15, 2008, the Besser Museum's Board of Trustees made passed a motion to de-accession most portions of its archival collection in order to focus on its artifact collection. Once de-accessioned by the Museum, the archival collections become the property of the Library.

**Biographical & Historical Information:** In 1964, as a gift from Jesse H. Besser and other contributors, Alpena citizens became the recipients of the Jesse Besser Museum. In return local citizens collected funds to help purchase highly specialized projection and control equipment for a planetarium in the center of the new Museum. To this day, the Besser Museum is the only museum to host a Planetarium in Northern Michigan.

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is a community resource that serves to inspire curiosity, foster community pride, and cultivate personal legacy. The Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is an educational 501(c)(3) public charitable organization accredited by the American Association of Museums. Its mission is to serve the public of all ages and abilities in art, history, and science. Through programs and exhibits, it promotes understanding and appreciation of the past, present, and future.

Taken from the Museum's website: [www.bessermuseum.org](http://www.bessermuseum.org)

**Scope & Content:** Hand written and typed manuscripts of *Hendrik's Diary* by Martin H. Martinson. Hendrik Martinson was born in 1882 to Chris and Olava Martinson. This is a biography / autobiography written by his grandson Martin. The "diary" tells the life of Hendrik growing up in Alpena, Michigan and a little of the events that took place nationally and locally and of the family's travels back to the home country of Norway.

**Access:** Open to research.

**Preferred Citation:** Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan Collection [Hendrick's Diary], Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library.

**Contents:**

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**Box 1 of 1: Hendrik's Diary** [by Martin H. Martinson]

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2. Handwritten Manuscript [portion/oversized]
3. Handwritten Manuscript [portion/oversized]
4. Typed Manuscript [copy 1 / part a]
5. Typed Manuscript [copy 1 / part b]
6. Typed Manuscript [copy 2 / part a]
7. Typed Manuscript [copy 2 / part b]
8. Typed Manuscript [edited / part a]
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