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**TITLE:** Eric Hard Diary

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1978.127

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1941

Extent: 0.75 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Eric Hard

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Eric Hard was born in Sweden and came to Alaska in 1898. He operated a blacksmith shop at Iditarod, mined in the Dawson-Fortymile area, and engaged in placer gold mining in Ophir, 1936-1949.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of a one-volume, handwritten diary kept by Eric Hard during the period February 1-December 7, 1941. A transcription of the diary was completed by Museum volunteer Virginia Krieg in 1979 and is housed with the original item.

Arrangement: Not applicable

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Item donated by William J. Wilson who found it at Ophir in September 1977 when he was stationed at Tatalina Air Force Station.

#### Notes

Item previously cataloged as rare book.

### **RELATED MATERIALS**

Eric Hard Papers, 1904-1950, University of Alaska Fairbanks (USUAF164)

### **SUBJECTS**

Hard, Eric--Diaries

Gold mines and mining--Alaska—Iditarod

Gold mines and mining--Alaska—Ophir

Iditarod (Alaska) -- History -- Sources

Ophir (Alaska) -- History -- Sources

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