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Accession No: W88-0011.2  
Provenance: Victor J.W. Blekkink  
Donor: Blekkink Estate  
Photographs: 54 images (5 tintypes)  
Processed by: Larry J. Wagenaar, October 1991  
Jenifer A. Smith, August 1993

### Biography

Victor John W. Blekkink was born to Evert and Hattie Blekkink in 1887 in Lisha's Kill, New York. Blekkink graduated from Hope College in 1909 and from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1912. Blekkink was also licensed and ordained in 1912. He received an honorary doctorate from Hope in 1936.

Blekkink married Agnes Stopelkamp in Holland, Michigan, at Third Reformed Church in 1913. They had no children and his wife died in 1954. He served only three pastorates during his life: Long Branch, New Jersey (1912-1914), Canajoharie, New York (1914-1922), and Cohoes, New York (1922-1962). In 1920-1921, he served as president of the Particular Synod of Albany.

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### Container List

Clippings, n.d., 1912-1915, 1962 (includes correspondence)  
Objects  
    Postcard (from Evert), 1914  
    Rutgers Pin, n.d.

Western Theological Seminary Medal (Evert Blekkink), 1925

Papers

Manuscript (untitled) on the Life of Jesus Christ, n.d. (2 folders)

Memoir of Hope College, "In My Day," 1948

Photographs

Individuals

Blekkink, Evert (1883-1940), n.d. (9 images, 3 tintypes)

Blekkink, Hattie E. Meerdink (1871-1910), n.d. (7 images, 2 tintypes)

Blekkink, Ruth (1896-1967), n.d. (14 images)

Blekkink, Victor, n.d. (2 images)

Groups

Blekkink family, n.d. (4 images)

Unidentified, n.d. (10 images)

Locations

Evert Blekkink Homes (Amsterdam, New York; Kalamazoo, Michigan),  
n.d. (4 images)

First Reformed Church (Cohoes, New York), n.d. (4 images)