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Content Note

In 1884, Reuben W. Messinger took the position his father had held as gatekeeper, lock keeper, and collector for the Morris Canal Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. His ledgers record the weather conditions and water levels at Lake Hopatcong from 25 February 1887 to 2 August 1895 (vol. 1) and from 21 December 1895 to 7 March 1901 (vol. 2). The same information is recorded for Lake Musconetcong for 13 August 1926 to 21 February 1935 (vol. 2), with a record of the gate openings and suiger(?) levels in addition. Volumes 1 and 3 also give accounts of payroll, materials and tools purchased, and other expenses at Hopatcong Park from July 1928 to August 1933 (vol. 3) and from January 1932 to December 1936 (vol. 1). The books were referred to in Messinger's testimony in the case in chancery against the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission in 1920.

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<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Ledger for Lake Hopatcong, 25 February 1887 - 21 December 1936
2.	Water book for Lake Hopatcong and Lake Musconetcong, 21 December 1895 - 21 February 1935
3.	Ledger for Lake Hopatcong, 1 July 1928 - 31 August 1933

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