

Registry of Deeds
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We experienced a slight increase in Registry business during FY 2011. The revenues show a 5% increase over FY '10 fees collected by the Registry of Deeds, which is a 5% drop from the increase between FY '09 and FY '10. The increase does not follow the current trends we see in the real estate market and general economy. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Copies and Postage	37,050	31,097	31,150
Plans	1,025	875	950
Recorded Land Recording	119,226	124,973	128,600
Land Court Recording	52,297	62,258	70,570
Excise to County	92,391	113,074	117,717
Registry Interest	72	52	31
Excise Interest	<u>144</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>55</u>
	302,205	332,416	349,073

The availability of Dukes County records online continues to be an asset to the services we provide and we continue to add to that service. The website address is www.masslandrecords.com. Currently, we have the Grantor/Grantee indexes and document images available on line back to 1983. We also have a large inventory of plans available online and are actively restoring and scanning older plans to add to that inventory. With the availability of technology fund monies, we are scanning older documents and continue to increase the available inventory. Assistant Register Debra Levesque, Sr. Clerk Jessica Burnham and IT Manager/Clerk Paulo DeOliveira continue to provide expert assistance to our customers and myself.

The Registry of Deeds is located on the first floor of the Courthouse in Edgartown. The hours of operation are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday. Documents are accepted for recording from 8:30AM – 12:30PM and 1:30PM - 4:00PM, Monday through Friday. We can be reached during those hours at 508-627-4025. Our FAX number is 508-627-7821 and our email address is registry@dukescounty.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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