

**Registry of Deeds
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We experienced another decline in Registry business during FY 2009. The revenues show a 22% decrease in fees collected by the Registry of Deeds. This trend reflects the state of the real estate market and general economy. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Copies and Postage	55,276	46,847	37,050
Plans	1,650	1,210	1,025
Recorded Land Recording	148,567	123,770	119,226
Land Court Recording	61,778	54,715	52,297
Excise to County	166,490	142,085	92,391
Registry Interest	309	141	72
Excise Interest	<u>783</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>144</u>
	434,853	369,207	302,205

The availability of Dukes County records on line 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 available on line back to 1984 and document images are available from 1993 forward. With the availability of technology fund monies we are actively scanning older documents and continue to increase the available inventory. The decrease in copy revenues is an indication as to how many people are taking advantage of the on-line services by printing documents from their home or office. Paulo DeOliveira joined the staff and has been a wonderful addition. He joins Assistant Register Debra Levesque and Jessica Burnham in providing 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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