

**Registry of Deeds
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We experienced a slight increase in Registry business during FY 2010. While the revenues show a 10% increase over FY '09 in fees collected by the Registry of Deeds, we are still 11% behind FY '08's revenues. The increase over last year 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 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Copies and Postage	46,847	37,050	31,097
Plans	1,210	1,025	875
Recorded Land Recording	123,770	119,226	124,973
Land Court Recording	54,715	52,297	62,258
Excise to County	142,085	92,391	113,074
Registry Interest	141	72	52
Excise Interest	<u>439</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>87</u>
	369,207	302,205	332,416

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 and document images available on line back to 1984. 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 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. The dependency on current and evolving technology lead us to create a combined position of IT Manager/Clerk to keep on top of the day to day issues that go hand in hand with technology and to help guide us down the proper path for the future. Paulo DeOliveira has stepped into that role and he, along with Assistant Register Debra Levesque and Jessica Burnham 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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