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We experienced a slight decrease in Registry business during FY 2012. The revenues show a 1% decrease over FY '11 fees collected by the Registry of Deeds. This decrease indicates that we are beginning to 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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Copies and Postage	31,097	31,150	27,828
Plans	875	950	1,775
Recorded Land Recording	124,973	128,600	138,257
Land Court Recording	62,258	70,570	57,202
Excise to County	113,074	117,717	121,033
Registry Interest	52	31	21
Excise Interest	<u>87</u>	55	34
	332,416	349,073	346,150

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 1980. 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 retired at the end of this year. We wish her an exciting next chapter in her life and will miss her. We welcome Shannon Larsen to the Registry as a Sr. Clerk. She, along with 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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