

**Registry of Deeds
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Even though we experienced a 8% decrease in Recorded Land fees during FY 2015 we finished the year with a 1.5% overall increase due to the 4.5% increase in Land Court recordings and the 8% increase in Excise revenues. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Copies and Postage	27,187	27,094	27,782
Plans	1,225	1,425	1,475
Recorded Land Recording	149,742	126,658	117,197
Land Court Recording	64,319	49,594	51,739
Excise to County	127,181	148,578	159,594
Registry Interest	12	6	5
Excise Interest	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
	369,685	353,369	357,807

The Registry began accepting online recordings for many of our documents on October 1, 2014. This offers an option to methods of recording certain documents to all but is primarily used by off-Island attorneys and lending agencies. From the beginning of this service (October) to now approximately 7% of our recordings have been submitted electronically. The availability of Dukes County records on line continues to be an asset to the services provided and we continue to add to that inventory. The research website address is www.masslandrecords.com. At this time we have the Grantor/Grantee indexes and document images available on line back to the mid 1970's. We also have a large inventory of plans available on line and are actively restoring and scanning older plans to add to that inventory. FY 15 marked the promotion of Paulo DeOliveira from IT Manager/Clerk to Assistant Register and the addition of Martha Kane as a Sr. Clerk following Jessica Burnham's departure in September. We wish Jessica well on her new endeavors and thank her for her many years of service to the County. Paulo, Martha and Sr. Clerk Shannon Larsen 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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