

**Registry of Deeds  
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FY '16 was a profitable year for the Registry of Deeds. We had several large sales which account for the 27% increase in Excise revenue. Overall we experienced a 14% increase over FY '15 revenues. We sincerely hope that the upward trend continues. The 3-year comparison included below illustrates the shift in revenues.

	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
Copies and Postage	27,094	27,782	26,217
Plans	1,425	1,475	1,325
Recorded Land Recording	126,658	117,197	126,948
Land Court Recording	49,594	51,739	50,234
Excise to County	148,578	159,594	202,411
Registry Interest	6	5	6
Excise Interest	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>
	353,369	357,807	407,162

This will be my last report as Register since I will be retiring in November, 2016. I thank the voters of Dukes County for their support over the past 22 years and wish my successor the enjoyment I have found with this special office rich in our Island history.

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](http://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. Assistant Register Paulo DeOliveira and Sr. Clerks Shannon Larsen and Martha Kane 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](mailto:registry@dukescounty.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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