

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS**  
Cathy Ann Stacey, Registrar

This Annual Report is dedicated to my staff. Their diligence, teamwork and positive attitudes make the endless stream of paper a challenge. I cannot express how fortunate I and the County are to have these hardworking individuals on the County team.

I am proud to report that this office, by careful planning and by conscientious management realized a profit of \$4,059,309.98, the details of which are reflected in my statistics below. The sincere efforts of my staff, not only affected this pleasant financial result, but also made it possible to sustain the high level of service to the public.

The copy department continues to be an extremely busy area generating \$525,990.74 in income for calendar year 2005. Overall the Registry has seen a decrease in activity within its four walls; however, there is a steady stream of revenue generated from our internet service. This reflects a decrease of \$20,946.59 in revenue from this department below 2004 documented figures.

In 2005 the Registry of Deeds staff began a voluminous project of scanning the old black books in-house. We have discovered that the old film although having the ability to be converted into the imaging system does not produce the type of quality image standard we have set. Therefore, the staff has been re-scanning these books to provide the standard of excellence this Registry is known for. We will continue on this project, recalling our old book stored at the State Archives until we have scanned every image contained within the office.

In 2005 we successfully completed the software to enable all of our map indexes both by Town and Street to be accessed on the computer system as well as the website. We anticipate all maps will be available back to the first recorded plan in early 2006.

In closing, I wish to extend my thanks to the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners and Finance Department for their continued support and assistance to this office during a very eventful 2005. Thank you.

**2005 STATISTICS**

Number of Recordings	96,473 documents
Pages Filmed	703,978 pages
Number of Copies Made	462,589 pages
FAX copies Sent	7,852 pages
2005 Copy Dept. Receipts	\$ 525,990.74
2005 Total Receipts	\$5,324,819.98
2005 Expenditures	\$1,265,510.00
Surcharge Account used to Reduce Tax	\$ 250,000.00