

# Register of Deeds Office



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THE personnel of this Department is comprised of the Register of Deeds, a Deputy and eight Clerks.

The work consists principally of the recording of deeds, mortgages and other instruments pertaining to and affecting real estate in Oakland County. All papers, when received, are timed immediately and entered on what are known as reception books. The libers and pages are then placed on same and they are taken to the Photostat Department where they are photographed. After the photographic copies are made, the instruments are indexed under the names of the first and second parties and mailed out.

Nearly all the recording is now done by photography. We have two photostat machines to take care of this work, one for recording papers and the other for making copies of plats.

We are making photostatic copies of all Warranty Deeds for the Supervisors, to enable them to assess the property correctly and to keep them informed as to the changes in the ownership. During the first six months of this year we made 5765 of these copies. We are also making copies of plats for nearly all the townships and cities to assist them in making assessments, and for the Drain Commissioners, the Road Commissioners and the Edison Company of Detroit, as well as many others. A charge of \$1.00 per plat is made for this work.

The photostatic copy being an exact reproduction of the original instrument or drawing, makes it practically impossible for errors to occur, as was possible under the old system. We still have to do some work with typewriters where the instruments are not clearly written or typed.

During the year 1927 there were approximately 17,304 deeds received and 8310 during the first six months of 1928, and there were 3708 of mortgages for the first six months of 1928.

The following is the approximate number of papers and the amount of money received in this office for the first six months of 1928 and 1927:

	1928 PAPERS	AMT. RECD	1927 PAPERS	AMT. RECD.
January . . . . .	2,707	\$3,202.94	2,867	\$2,791.34
February . . . . .	2,694	3,294.00	2,510	2,533.02
March . . . . .	2,462	3,206.66	2,945	2,875.45
April . . . . .	3,078	3,592.82	2,802	2,844.35
May . . . . .	3,355	4,235.56	3,094	3,201.85
June . . . . .	3,300	4,102.21	3,196	3,262.28
	17,596	\$21,634.19	17,414	17,508.29

The approximate number of papers received for the years 1921 to 1927, both inclusive, is as follows:

1921 . . . . .	12,050
1922 . . . . .	14,278
1923 . . . . .	18,830
1924 . . . . .	23,229
1925 . . . . .	29,375
1926 . . . . .	33,558
1927 . . . . .	34,719

The number of plats received for the years 1921 to July 1, 1928, is as follows:

1921 . . . . .	40
1922 . . . . .	32
1923 . . . . .	84
1924 . . . . .	232
1925 . . . . .	311
1926 . . . . .	172
1927 . . . . .	109
1928 (6 months) . . . . .	56

We now have nearly 3,000 plats in this County.

During the first six months of this year, we have made 615 photostatic copies of plats, the amount of money received for same being \$566.00, and for photostatic copies aside from plats, \$359.75.

The business in this county has increased so rapidly that our vault space has become quite limited. The first of the year we had an additional floor placed in our vault which gave us enough filing space for our books for the present, but we have filled nearly 100 books in six months time and now have only space left for 255 more books, which means that in one and one-half years more, at the most, we will have no more room left.

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