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HALL OF RECORDS
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY
07728

March 1, 1977

The Honorable Harry Larrison, Jr.
The Board of Chosen Freeholders
Hall of Records
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Dear Director Larrison:

It is my pleasure to submit to you and your fellow board members the annual report of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office for the year 1976.

Two additional new judges were appointed and as a result the number of cases pending in the county have dropped from 1,126 in 1975 to 926 at the end of 1976.

The work load in the courts has increased considerably. The broad categories are shown below.

	1975	1976
Cases instituted in Civil Courts	7,244	8,264
Complaints - Domestic Relations	1,209	1,837
Total number of cases listed	5,168	5,967

Our "Election Section" reflects a steady increase commensurate with the population growth of the County.

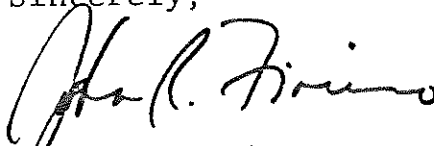
A review of the "Land Records Section" will show an approximate ten per cent increase in the number of deeds recorded, indicating an improvement of real estate sales in the County.

Our total revenue has risen \$1,069,486 in 1975, to \$1,957,056 in 1976. Part of the increase is due to the higher "realty transfer fees" charged by the State, and the balance to an increase in the number of documents processed.

During the coming year we shall make various changes and modifications in the departments of the County Clerk's Office for the purpose of improving service to the residents of Monmouth County at the same, or hopefully lower costs.

I will be happy to consider any suggestions you or the members of the Board may care to advance for the above purpose.

Sincerely,



John R. Fiorino

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CC: The Honorable Merritt Lane, Jr.
Members, Monmouth Co. Board of Chosen Freeholders
Robert J. Collins, Clerk, Bd of Chosen Freeholders
James McCormick, Public Information

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK
OF MONMOUTH COUNTY
FOR THE YEAR 1976

JOHN R. FIORINO
COUNTY CLERK
MARCH 1, 1977

LAND RECORDS SECTION

1. Recording Operations

Deeds	15,870
Mortgages	15,859
Miscellaneous	<u>6,391</u>
Total	38,120

2. Filing Operations

Financing Statements	1,085
Mechanics Notice of Intention	516
Discharges of Mechanics' Notices of Intention	628
Stop Notices	24
Discharges of Stop Notices	16
Termination Statements (Financing Statements, Continuations and Assignments).	1,876
Reimbursement Agreements and Discharges	1,895
Physician's and Hospital Liens	267
Institutional Liens filed and Discharged	207
Bail Bonds Filed	1,510
Federal Tax Liens and Discharges	2,114
Real Estate and Chattel Mortgages Cancelled	12,041

Filing Operations Continued

Trade Names Filed	1,316
Building Contracts Filed	52
Lis Pendens Filed	530
Lis Pendens Recorded	671
Lis Pendens Discharged	193
Maps Filed	240
Exempt Firemen Certificates Filed	64

3. Machine Room

Abstracts furnished to Tax Board and State Tax Equalization Program and the Assessors of all 53 Municipalities.	40,467
Total Pages Microfilmed	134,402
Number of Old Record and Index Books Reproduced	150
Xerox Copies Furnished (Certified Copies and Plain Copies)	3,275
Rolls of film Processed for Security	89
<u>Work Performed for New County Microfilm Department.</u>	
Film Processed for Central Microfilm Department	30
Film Processed for Surrogate	36
Rolls of Film, Cancelled Mortgages	16
Cancellations Filmed	12,041

4. Coin-op Copier

Copying Service is now provided by County Business Systems, Inc. Feasterville, Pa., eliminating the privately owned machines formerly maintained by some of the Title Companies. (Revenue to County)

\$7,547.05

5. Bookbinding Operations

The bookbinding services are obtained through the competitive bidding process and all work is performed in our own bindery located in the lower level of the Hall of Records.

6. Miscellaneous

Revolver Permits Issued	102
Notary Public Oaths	870
County Clerk's Certificates attached to Documents going out of State	529
Maps to American Blueprint Co.	868
ABC I.D. Cards Issued	789
Veterans Licenses Issued	46

REVENUE SECTION

Realty Transfer Fees (State)	\$ 978,193.99
Realty Transfer Fees (County)	513,141.61
Court Department	35,550.25
Recording and Filing Fees (Including Coin-op Copier)	<u>430,170.93</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,957,056.78

PASSPORT AND NATURALIZATION SECTION

Citizenship Papers Filed	233
Certificates Issued	251
Passport Applications	5,960

NATURALIZATION

Applications Pending	51
Declarations of Intentions Pending	2
Declarations of Intentions Issued	2
Transfers	In 0 Out 2

ELECTION SECTION

Sample Ballots Mailed

1976 Primary Election	232,741
1976 General Election	251,750

Absentee Ballots Mailed (Approximately)

1976 Primary Election	4,000
1976 General Election	13,500
Special School and Fire Commissioners Elections	4,000
Special School and Fire Commissioners Elections	200

ELECTION DISTRICTS

Election Districts 1975	372
Districts added 1976	<u>6</u>
Total	378

In 1976 the Election Section performed the following functions mandated under Title 19.

Canvassed the Primary and General Elections for the State, County and Municipal Candidates.

Prepared all Municipal Petitions for County Committees, Mayors, Councilmen and Township Committeemen.

Prepared County Petitions for Group Candidates or Individual Candidates, Independent Petitions for Municipal Candidates, and Independent Petitions for County Candidates.

Prepared all Primary Ballots for Absentee Voting Sample Ballots and Machine Ballots.

Passage of Assembly Bill 1758, which required all County Clerks to mail absentee ballots for overseas residents, without being registered, allowing them to vote for President, Vice-President, State Senator and Congressman, was implemented during 1976.

COURT DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

Number of cases instituted in Civil Courts	8,264
Number of papers filed in above cases	82,640
Number of Indictments and Accusations filed	1,991
Number of papers filed with Indictments and Accusations	29,965
Number of Municipal Court Appeals	276
Number of papers filed on Appeals	1,932
Number of Miscellaneous cases filed	381
Number of papers filed with Miscellaneous cases	1,905
Number of Civil Cases carried over from 1975	3,089
Number of Civil Cases added to Calendar in 1976	2,878
Total number of Cases Listed in 1976	5,967
Number disposed of	2,605
Number of Cases transferred to District Court	1
Number of Cases Pending as of December 31, 1976	3,554
Average number of cases added per month for 1976	240
Complaints filed in Domestic Relations Court in 1976	1,837
Complaints filed in Domestic Relations Court in 1975	1,209
Number of Complaints Disposed of in 1976	2,497
Number of Complaints Pending as to December 31, 1976	384
Number of persons interviewed in addition to those who have filed complaints	1,105
Number of Complaints filed in Juvenile Court	5,736
Cases Pending at the end of 1975	926
Complaints disposed of	5,893
Number of Complaints Pending as of December 31, 1976	893