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## COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

JOHN R. FIORINO  
COUNTY CLERK



HALL OF RECORDS  
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY  
07728

March 1, 1979

The Honorable Ray Kramer  
Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Hall of Records  
Freehold, New Jersey

Dear Director Kramer:

It is again my pleasure to submit to you and your fellow board members the annual report of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office for the year 1978.

The "Land Record Section" shows an approximate 9% increase in the number of deeds and mortgages recorded. Starting in January, 1979 we will no longer bid the book-binding operation (Page 3). We had problems in the past because this is a relatively small contract and it had become difficult to obtain bids and adequate service from the contractor who receives the bid. The machinery is owned by us and the work will be performed by a part-time employee at a 50 per cent savings and give us better control of the operation. The re-creation (replacement and reduction in size of old deed and mortgage books) is still contracted through competitive bidding.

Recording revenue, (Page 4), shows an increase of \$369,056 for a total of \$2,641,572 or approximately 15 per cent. As you can see by our grand total of \$2,740,764, the County Clerk's Office continues to generate far more revenue for the County than it costs to operate our department. I hope the Freeholders will keep this in mind when I have to request additional personnel and/or equipment.

This year I have again added a sheet (Page 5) showing the Deed and Mortgage Recording activity in all the Counties of the State. Monmouth County again ranks third preceded by Ocean and Bergen Counties. This reflects the real estate activity in the County.

Passport and Naturalization Section showed a slight increase. Again I would like to point out that we receive only \$3.00 to process a passport application. I estimate that it costs us about \$6.00 in actual cost. The County Officers Association has been requesting the Federal Government to upgrade the fees.

Five new election districts were added for a total of 390 (Page 7).

The Court Department is doing a good job in keeping up with increased court activity due in a large part to a conscientious and dedicated assignment judge. Judge Lane and the supporting judges were overworked and need several additional judges appointed to ease the load and avoid the stress related ailments which result from continual "overload".

During the coming year we shall again make 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.

Very truly yours,



John R. Fiorino

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cc: The Honorable Merritt Lane, Jr.  
Members of the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders  
Frederick Kneisler, Clerk of the Board  
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
OF MONMOUTH COUNTY  
FOR THE YEAR 1978

JOHN R. FIORINO  
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MARCH 1, 1979

LAND RECORDS SECTION  
1978

1. Recording Operations

Deeds	18,596
Mortgages	21,529
Miscellaneous	<u>6,705</u>
Total	46,830

2. Filing Operations

Financing Statements	2,092
Termination Statements (Financing Statements, Continuations and Assignments).	1,521
Mechanics Notice of Intention	698
Discharges of Mechanics Notices of Intention	680
Stop Notices	41
Discharges of Stop Notices	23
Reimbursement Agreements and Discharges	34
Physician's and Hospital Liens	427
Institutional Liens filed and discharged	440
Bail Bonds Filed and Discharged	2,542
Federal Tax Liens and Discharges	2,071
Real Estate and Chattel Mortgages Cancelled	15,010
Inheritance Tax Waivers	826
Assignments of Judgement	3
Roads	2
Miscellaneous Records	7

2. Filing Operations (Continued)

Release of judgements	38
Vacating of Roads	11
Sheriff's Bonds	2
Trade Names Filed	1,163
Trade Names Discharged	94
Building Contracts Filed	44
Lis Pendens Filed	510
Lis Pendens Recorded	157
Lis Pendens Discharged	248
Maps Filed	261
Exempt Firemen Certificates Filed	49

3. Machine Room

Abstracts furnished to Tax Board and State Tax Equalization Program and the Assessors of all 53 Municipalities	63,365
Total Pages Microfilmed	156,202
Xerox Copies Furnished (Certified Copies and Plain Copies	2,567
Rolls of Film Processed for Security	103
Rolls of Film, Cancelled Mortgages	19
Cancellations Filmed	15,010
Books printed #1824 machine	168

4. 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. In 1979 this service will be performed in house by our own employees.

5. Miscellaneous

Revolver Permits Issued	184
Notary Public Oaths	1,211
County Clerk's Certificates attached to Documents mailed out of State	124
Maps to American Blueprint Co.	1,362
ABC I.D. Cards Issued	683
Veterans Licenses Issued	24

REVENUE SECTION

	<u>1978</u>
Realty Transfer Fees (State)	\$1,336,452.20
Realty Transfer Fees (County)	746,266.60
Court Department	30,381.45
Recording and Filing Fees	<u>528,471.99</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,641,572.24

RECORDING REVENUE

Total Revenue 1978	\$2,641,572.24	\$2,641,572.24
Total Revenue 1977	<u>2,272,516.16</u>	
Amt. of Increase 1978	\$ 369,056.08	

COURT DEPARTMENT

Total amount of Cash Bail Forfeited and turned over to the County Treasurer by Court Section	<u>99,192.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>\$2,740,764.24</u></u>

1978 DEED AND MORTGAGE RECORDINGS

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DEEDS</u>	<u>MORTGAGES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Atlantic	10,586	8,924	19,510
Bergen	19,772	26,454	46,226
Burlington	11,363	12,780	24,143
Camden	16,048	18,743	34,791
Cape May	7,214	7,000	14,214
Cumberland	4,222	3,410	7,632
Essex	14,392	17,862	32,254
Gloucester	6,598	5,903	12,501
Hudson	7,582	10,054	17,636
Hunterdon	4,060	4,965	9,025
Mercer	7,638	8,483	16,121
Middlesex	15,434	17,066	32,500
Monmouth	18,596	21,529	40,125
Morris	14,743	17,613	32,356
Ocean	24,033	21,126	45,159
Passaic	10,302	11,894	22,196
Salem	2,255	2,135	4,390
Somerset	6,546	8,038	14,584
Sussex	6,694	7,781	14,475
Union	10,989	13,272	24,261
Warren	3,031	3,470	6,501
GRAND TOTAL	223,098	248,502	471,600



PASSPORT AND NATURALIZATION SECTION

1978

Citizenship Papers Filed	340
Certificates Issued	390
Passport Applications	7,023

NATURALIZATION

Applications Pending	125
Declarations of Intentions Pending	none
Declarations of Intentions Issued	none
Transfers	In - none Out - none

ELECTION SECTION

<u>SAMPLE BALLOTS MAILED</u>	<u>1978</u>
1978 Primary Election	243,234
1978 General Election	248,141

ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAILED (Approximately)

1978 Primary Election	2,500
1978 General Election	6,000
Special School and Fire Commissioners Elections	5,500
Special School and Fire Commissioners Elections	900

ELECTION DISTRICTS

Election Districts 1978	385
Districts added 1979 (Approximately)	<u>5</u>
Total	390

In 1978 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 and revised 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.

Year 1978, possible revision of applications for absentee ballots, Civilian and Military.

COURT DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

Number of cases instituted in Civil Court in 1978	7,930
Number of papers filed in above cases	79,300
Number of Indictments and Accusations filed in 1978	1,664
Number of papers filed with Indictments and Accusations	50,960
Number of Municipal Court Appeals	222
Number of Papers filed on Appeals	1,554
Number of Miscellaneous cases filed	353
Number of papers filed with Miscellaneous cases	2,120
Number of Civil Cases carried over from 1977	4,430
Number of Civil Cases added to Calendar in 1978	3,081
Total Number of cases listed in 1978	7,511
Number of cases disposed of	2,751
Number of cases transferred to District Court	4
Number of cases pending as of December 31, 1978	4,930
Average number of cases added per month for 1978	256
Complaints filed in Domestic Relations Court in 1978	1,959
Complaints filed in Domestic Relations Court in 1977	1,708
Number of Complaints disposed of in 1978	2,491
Number of Complaints pending as of December 31, 1978	443
Number of persons interviewed in addition to those who have filed complaints	325
Number of Complaints filed in Juvenile Court	7,752
Cases pending at the end of 1977	865
Complaints disposed of in 1978	5,307
Number of Complaints pending as of December 31, 1978	1,122