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RHODE ISLAND

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February 2, 1983

To The Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor and
The Honorable Council of the City of Providence

I hereby submit herewith the following report of the operations of the Probate Court of the city of Providence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982.

During the last fiscal year the probate court received the sum of \$108,193.28.

From July 1, 1982 to December 31, 1982 we have collected \$46,825.35, which is approximately \$6000.00 less than the like period a year ago when the collections were \$52,503.66.

Assuming that the receipts will continue as they have in the past year I would anticipate the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 will be around \$95,000.00.

The number of wills probated declined again this year to 283 from 289 which were probated in the prior fiscal year. Likewise petitions for administration declined to 117 from 133 in the prior year. These reductions are the result of the increases in the exemption of small estates from probate which was passed by the General Assembly. This year there were no petitions for the filing and recording of foreign wills.

Petitions for guardianship granted by the court this year were 65 against 49 petitions in the prior year. There were 13 petitions for conservatorship granted by the court this year as against 23 last year. There were no petitions for adoption granted this year.

Petitions for change of name increased again this year to 103 from 90 in the prior year.

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We opened 14 new registry accounts in the sum of \$56,097.32. The accounts were for absentee and unknown heirs. The Supreme Court decided that under the the escheat law the absentee accounts in the probate court were subject to the same and we are in the process of turning this money over to the General Treasurer of the state of Rhode Island.

In the past fiscal year the court processed 168 final accounts of executors, administrators and guardians. In addition to these final accounts there were also 119 annual accounts filed by guardians and conservators. There were 35 petitions for sale of real estate filed by guardians, executors and administrators. In addition thereto there were 44 miscellaneous petitions filed for various reasons. All of the above accounts, sales and petitions were processed by the staff of the court, advertised when necessary, and granted by the court during this period.

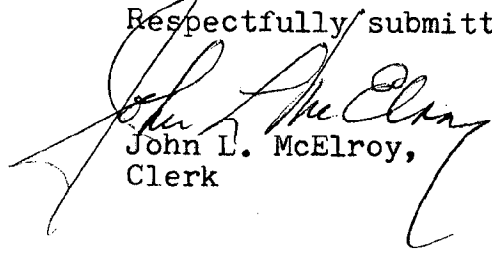
There were 403 inventories of various types filed by the fiduciaries of these estates and the necessary fees were collected.

There was a reduction in the number of affidavits of completed administration filed in lieu of final accounts from 251 to 191.

This office is authorized only three clerks, including the Deputy Clerk and we need a minimum of four clerks to operate efficiently. As a result of this lack of personnel microfilming and record keeping has been neglected and I am concerned about the safe keeping of some of our records. Frequently with sickness and vacations, only one person is available to conduct the business of this department.

There is presently no backlog of pending trials or decisions, and any matters pending on the docket may be disposed of at any time at the convenience of the attorneys involved.

Respectfully submitted,


John L. McElroy,
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