

ANTHONY B. SCIARRETTA  
JUDGE



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DEPUTY CLERK

PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 19 1987

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Robert M. Moulton* CLERK

January 30, 1987

To The Honorable Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., Mayor and  
The Honorable Council of the City of Providence

I hereby submit the annual report of the operations of  
the Probate Court of the city of Providence for the fiscal  
year beginning July 1, 1985 and ending June 30, 1986.

During this period the total receipts amounted to  
\$120,003.95.

From July 1, 1986 to December 30, 1986 our collections  
totaled \$66,889.34 which is approximately \$5000.00 more than  
the like period a year ago when the collections were \$61,007.91.

If the receipts continue as in the past I would anticipate  
that the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987  
would be around \$125,000.00.

The number of new wills offered for probate this past year  
declined from 326 to 289, and the petitions for administration  
likewise declined from 150 to 130.

In addition thereto there were 5 petitions to file and record  
foreign wills. The number of guardianships granted by the court  
increased from 65 to 75. The number of new petitions for con-  
servatorship declined from 8 to 7. No petitions for adoption were  
filed or granted during this period.

There were 10 new accounts for absentees and unknown heirs  
filed in the registry of the probate court in the sum of \$13,051.95.  
No accounts were opened for minors during this period.

There were 107 petitions for change of name granted this period  
as against 100 for the same period last year. There were 140 final  
accounts of executors and administrators processed and allowed  
this year. In addition to these final accounts there were 108  
annual accounts filed and processed for guardians and conservators.

In addition thereto there were 62 petitions for the sale of  
real estate filed by various executors, guardians and administrators.  
There were 165 miscellaneous petitions filed and granted for  
various reasons. The number of affidavits of completed administration

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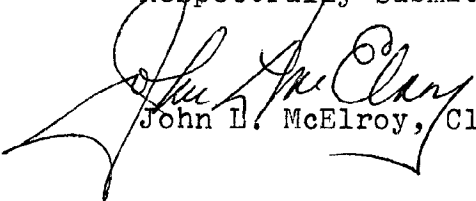
increased to 221 as against 198 for the proceeding year. There were 460 inventories of various types filed by the fiduciaries and the necessary fees collected. All of these accounts, sales, affidavits and other petitions were processed by the staff of this court, advertised when necessary and granted by the court during this period.

Any matters pending before the court are pending, not by reason of any delay of the court, but by failure to assign to hearing by the attorneys involved.

As I have previously advised we have a very serious problem personnel wise. At the present time my deputy clerk has resigned and I have only two clerks to perform the essential functions of this office until her vacation expires and I am able to fill the vacancy. Even with a third clerk, frequently with sickness and vacations, only one person is available to conduct the business of the department which generates in excess of \$100,000.

Fortunately the personnel I do have are extremely loyal and capable and permit this office to operate as efficiently as possible under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John L. McElroy, Clerk

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