

ANTHONY B. SCIARRETTA
JUDGE



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PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ:
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

January 31, 1979

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

The following is a report of the Probate Court of the city of Providence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978.

The Court received the sum of \$96,634.07 during that fiscal year. This amount is approximately \$40,000.00 greater than the past fiscal year when the total receipts were \$56,363.33. This increase was basically due to the increase in Probate Court fees which passed the General Assembly in the preceding spring.

From July 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978 we have collected \$48,974.24, which is about \$1500.00 more than the like period a year ago when the collections were \$47,427.37. Assuming that the receipts will continue as they have in the past year I would anticipate the receipts for this fiscal year ending this coming June 30, 1979 should be around \$96,000.00.

The number of wills probated this year was 319 which is a decline from 386 wills which were probated in the prior year. It is however, one above the figure of 318 wills which were probated in the year prior to that. Petitions for administration also declined from 174 to 142. There were also two petitions for the filing and recording of foreign wills. The Court also granted 43 petitions for guardianship, 20 petitions for conservatorship and 5 petitions for adoption. Petitions for change of name showed a significant decrease this year to 86 which is more in line with the normal amount than the amount of 127 petitions which were filed last year. We opened 10 new registry accounts in the sum of \$42,867.90 resulting mostly

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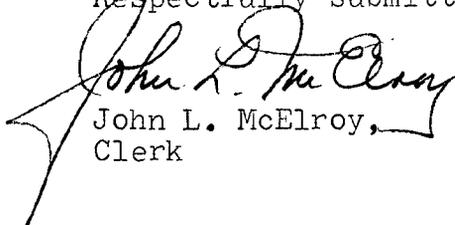
from accounts for absentees and unknown heirs.

During the past fiscal year the court processed 208 final accounts of fiduciaries who were either executors, administrators or guardians. In addition to the final accounts there were also 186 annual accounts filed by guardians or conservators. The court also granted 75 petitions for the sale of real estate in various estates. In addition to these there were 207 miscellaneous petitions filed for various reasons and presented to the court for approval. All of the above accounts, sales and petitions were processed by the court, advertised when necessary and granted by the court during this period.

There were also 546 inventories of various types filed by either executors, administrators, guardians or conservators. Affidavits of completed administration which were authorized by the General Assembly to be filed in lieu of a final account of an executor or administrator amounted to 188.

The vacancies which existed in this office last year have now been filled and the microfilming has been resumed and the work is being processed expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,


John L. McElroy,
Clerk

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