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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.

Vincent Cianci
CLERK

January 27, 1976.

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

The following report concerning the activities of the Probate Court of the City of Providence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974 and ending June 30, 1975 is respectfully submitted herewith:

During this period the receipts were \$51,063.61. This is a decline of slightly less than \$6,000.00 from the \$57,025.73 which was collected during the previous fiscal year. As of December, 1975 we have collected \$24,334.74 -- basing these figures on the same computation as last year the receipts for the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 should be about the same as the receipts for the past fiscal year.

In the last fiscal year there was \$61,885.94 collected by the Court and placed in the Registry Accounts. Of this amount \$44,420.05 was placed in accounts for absentees and unknown heirs and the balance of \$17,465.89 was deposited for the benefit of minors.

The number of new cases this year increased from 751 last year to 796. They include the following: petitions for the probate of Wills 340, 252 petitions for administrations, 3 foreign Wills, 20 petitions for conservatorships, 71 petitions for guardianships, 87 petitions for change of names, 2 petitions for adoptions, 2 petitions for successor custodians for minors, 1 petition for sale by a foreign guardian and 1 petition for receivership and 17 registry accounts.

To: Mayor Cianci

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During the past year over 2,000 documents were presented to the Court for action by the Judge or the Clerk. Included in this amount were 233 final accounts of executors, administrators and guardians and 251 annual accounts filed by guardians or conservators. All of which were processed by this office and acted on by the Judge.

The number of affidavits of complete administration filed this year increased from 190 to 262 this year. These affidavits are of some concern to this office relative to the additional space required for the filing of such documents with the necessary papers which must accompany them.

During this period there were 564 inventories filed and 611 miscellaneous petitions received and acted on by the Court.

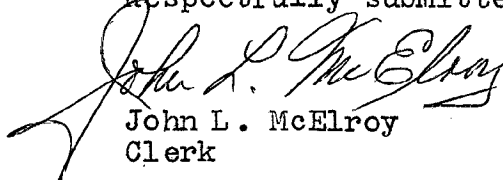
There were also 77 petitions for sales of real estate which were acted upon by the Court in this period.

The number of state tax certificates prepared and forwarded to the Division of Taxation of the State of Rhode Island was one less than last year, namely 565.

During the past year our staff completed the necessary work to transfer from index cards to typewritten sheets the cases covering the period from 1925 to 1970. From this, a two volume index book has been completed and is in use by the general public. This was quite an undertaking by our staff and except for the binding required no additional expenditure of money.

We are continuing to microfilm the records of this office. To date we have about 60% of them on film. However, about 90% of our records are duplicated either on microfilm or in bound volumes which are in metal fire-retardant files in the outer office. The microfilm is in file cabinets and a copy is stored out of state. Although the work is tedious, I feel we should be current within a year or at the most two. It would be helpful if some outside help was available to speed this work and also to microfilm those records which are already duplicated in bound volumes.

Respectfully submitted,


John L. McElroy
Clerk

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