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RHODE ISLAND

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January 29, 1982

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, 1980 and ending June 30, 1981.

During the last fiscal year the probate court received the sum of \$105,046.10

From July 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981 we have collected \$52,503.66, which is approximately \$10,000.00 more than the like period a year ago when the collections were \$42,076.80.

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, 1982 will be around \$105,000.00

The number of wills probated declined again this year to 289 from the 315 which were probated in the prior fiscal year. Likewise petitions for administration declined to 133 from 162 in the prior year. These reductions this year probably reflect the consequences by the General Assembly increasing the exemption of small estates from probate from \$2000.00 to \$10,000.00. There were also 5 petitions for the filing and recording of foreign wills, last year none were presented in this court.

Petitions for guardianship granted by this court this year were 49 as against 68 petitions in the prior year. Likewise petitions for conservatorship granted by the court increased to 23 from 19 for the previous year. There were only 2 petitions for adoption granted by the court this year.

Petitions for change of name increased slightly this year to 90 from 88 in the prior year.

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We opened 22 new registry accounts in the sum of \$104,856.90 for accounts for absentees and unknown heirs.

The General Treasurer of Rhode Island has instituted proceedings under the escheat law to remove most of the older cases from the registry of court. The case is presently pending before the Supreme Court.

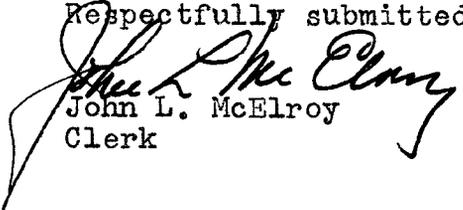
The past fiscal year the court processed 226 final accounts of fiduciaries who were either executors, administrators, or guardians. In addition to these final accounts there were also 193 annual accounts filed by guardians and conservators. There were 64 petitions for the sale of real estate granted by the court, either to an executor, administrator, or guardian. In addition thereto there were 162 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 staff of the court, advertised when necessary, and granted by the court during this period.

There were also 501 inventories of various types filed by the fiduciaries in these estates and the necessary fees were collected. Affidavits of completed administration, which have been authorized by the General Assembly to be filed in lieu of final accounts of executors or administrators, were 251.

This office needs a minimum of 4 clerks to operate efficiently. As a consequence of having only three clerks, some of our less essential work has had to be neglected including micro filming and record keeping. 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
Clerk

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