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PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND

January 24, 1975.

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

The following is a report for the activities of the office of the probate court of the City of Providence for fiscal year starting July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

Receipts for this period were \$57,025.73. A decline of \$5,000.00 from the \$62,517.88 which was collected in the fiscal year 1972-1973. As of December 27, 1974 we have collected \$25,596.34; basing the figures on the same computation as last year the receipts should be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00 for next year.

During the past fiscal year there was \$24,091.43 collected and placed in registry accounts. All of the money collected this year was placed in accounts for absentees and unknown heirs. There was no money deposited this year for the benefit of minors.

There were 13 wills delivered to the Probate Court for safe keeping. These wills are kept in the Probate Court vault until the testator dies, withdraws the same or the will is offered for probate. These documents are not public records.

New cases filed in this period amounted to 751. They were broken down as follows: Wills 361, 191 administrations, 68 guardianships, 5 registry accounts, 1 adoption, 5 foreign wills, 3 petitions for receiverships, 32 conservatorships, and 85 petitions for change of name. This is an increase in the over-all case load from the 727 filed last year to the 751 filed this year.

During the past year there were 2291 documents presented to the Court for action by the Judge or the clerk. Included

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were 218 annual accounts filed by guardians and conservators and 294 final accounts of executors, administrators and guardians all which were processed by the staff of this Court and acted on by the Judge.

There were 190 affidavits of complete administration which were filed during this period for which no filing fee is required. Under the new law passed by the General Assembly an affidavit of complete administration may be filed in lieu of an account provided that a receipted funeral bill, state tax release, receipts from all claimants and releases or receipts from each heir or legatee under the Will must be attached to the affidavit.

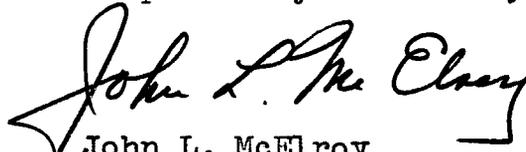
There were 506 inventories filed during this period and 279 miscellaneous petitions and 75 petitions for sale of real estate which were acted on by the Court.

The law requires notices of the appointments of every executor or administration to be forwarded to the tax division of the State of Rhode Island and this year there were 566 notices sent and which they reimburse the Court 15¢ a piece.

Our staff has been continuing to type the necessary information from the index cards from the period 1925 -- 1970 to create a combined index for that period of 45 years. This involves about 40,000 cases and typing of somewhat in excess of 45,000 names. This work is being done by our staff without requiring additional personnel. It is hoped that during this fiscal year that this work will be completed and that they can be put into book form.

The microfilming of our records is continuing by our office staff and during the past year approximately 50 rolls were completed and there were about 135 cases per roll.

Respectfully submitted,


John L. McElroy
Clerk

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


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