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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

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January 31, 1980

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, 1978 and ending June 30, 1979.

During the last fiscal year the probate court received the sum of \$100,826.81. This amount is approximately \$4000.00 greater than the prior fiscal year when the total receipts were \$96,634.07. These figures generally reflect the increased value of the estates which are being presented to probate.

From July 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979 we have collected \$46,002.14, which is approximately \$3000.00 less than the like period a year ago when the collections were \$48,974.24. 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, 1980 will be around \$95,000.00.

The number of will probated declined again this year to 314 from the 319 which were probated in the prior fiscal year. Likewise petitions for administration declined to 131 from 142 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 \$4000.00. There were also two petitions for the filing and recording of foreign wills which is exactly the same as the number presented last year in this court.

Petitions for guardianship granted by this court this year were 64 as against 43 petitions in the prior year.

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Likewise petitions for conservatorship granted by the court increased to 28 from 20 for the previous year. There was only one petition for adoption granted by the court this year. Petitions for change of name increased slightly this year to 103 from 86 in the prior year.

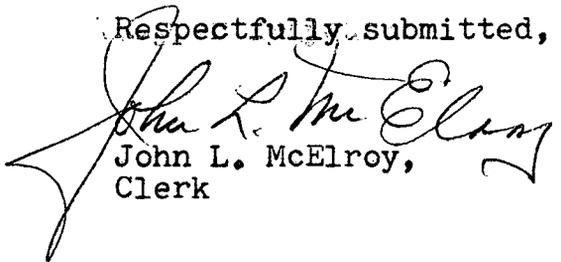
We opened 11 new registry accounts in the sum of \$55,977.52 for accounts for absentees and unknown heirs. This office has been notified by the General Treasurer of the state of Rhode Island that certain changes have been made in the state escheat act and that monies in these accounts, which have been in the registry for more than five years, will be required to be turned over to the State Treasurer.

The past fiscal year the court processed 156 final accounts of fiduciaries who were either executors, administrators or guardians. In addition to these final accounts there were also 216 annual accounts filed by guardians and conservators. There were 44 petitions for the sale of real estate granted by the court, either to an executor, administrator or guardian. In addition thereto there were 174 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 517 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 221.

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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