

No. 342.

AN ACT

Requiring registers for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration to keep a docket for certain purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the register Duty of register. for the probate of wills, and granting letters of administration, in the counties of Mercer and Crawford, to purchase a book or books, at the expense of the respective cities or counties, and make, or cause to be made therein, at his own expense, entries setting forth in all cases hereafter arising, the names of decedents; the time of granting letters of administration and letters testamentary, and to whom granted; the amount of the bond filed by any administrator, with the names of his sureties; the time of filing the inventory and appraisement, and the date of settlement of the accounts of executors and administrators, with the amount of debts and credits, showing the balance, and to whom due; the same to be entered in a fair and legible hand, and to be so arranged as to afford easy and ready reference to said matters.

SECTION 2. That it shall and may be lawful for the judges of the Orphans' court. orphans' court, in and for any city or county of this commonwealth, on an inspection and examination of the situation of the papers on file prior to the passage of this act, in the office of the register for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration, in the respective cities or counties, to make an order or decree, requiring said register to make the same entries touching said papers, as are required in the first section of this act, as to cases hereafter arising; and the expense of purchasing books, and of making the entries, in pursuance of said order or decree, shall be paid by the respective cities or counties, on warrants drawn on the treasurer of said city or county, by the commissioners thereof.

SECTION 3. That exemplifications or copies of the entries required Exemplifications. in the preceding sections, under the proper seal of said register, shall, in the event of the loss or destruction of any paper or papers, from which any of said entries shall be made, shall be of the like force and effect, and as good and sufficient evidence in law as the original paper or papers, or exemplifications, or duly certified copies thereof.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.