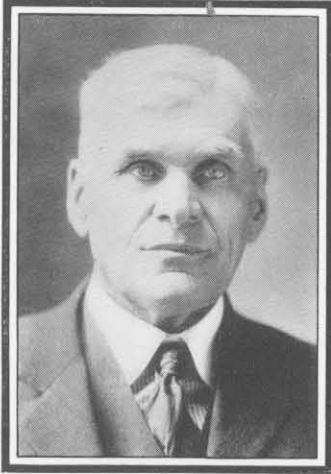


# City Justice Court



JUDGE HARPSTER



LEE BOMBAR  
*Clerk Justice Court*

THE report of H. W. Harpster, Justice of the Peace for the City of Pontiac, from August 1, 1927, to August 1, 1928, is herewith submitted.

The figures presented show that the Court has experienced a busy year. Court has been in continuous daily session throughout the period, and the docket has been overloaded. The following figures will speak for themselves.

Felony Examination . . . . .	196
Felony Examinations Waived . . . . .	256
Felony Cases Dismissed . . . . .	146
Total number of Felony Cases . . . . .	598

### *Violation of State Law, Misdemeanors*

Number of days served in jail by sentence of Court . . . . .	8,862
Number of persons served time in jail . . . . .	282
Number of cases pending . . . . .	10
Number of persons given suspended sentences . . . . .	58
Number of persons placed on parole or probation . . . . .	41
Number cases dismissed . . . . .	127
Number cases where bonds were forfeited . . . . .	4
Number of appeal cases . . . . .	2
Number of cases found not guilty . . . . .	20
Number of persons that paid fines . . . . .	490
Total number of Misdemeanors . . . . .	1,034

### *Violation of the City Ordinances*

Number of days served in jail by sentence of Court . . . . .	11,261
Number of persons served time in jail . . . . .	857
Number of cases pending . . . . .	4
Number of cases of suspended sentences . . . . .	103
Number of persons placed on parole or probation . . . . .	37
Number of cases dismissed . . . . .	75
Number of cases found not guilty . . . . .	11
Number of cases appealed . . . . .	1
Number of persons that paid fines . . . . .	693

Total number of City Ordinance Violations 1781

Total number of Felonies . . . . .	598
Total number State Law Misdemeanors . . . . .	1,034
Total Number Violation of City Ordinances . . . . .	1,781
Total cases handled . . . . .	\$3,413



*Report of Civil Cases Handled*

Number of Lawsuits started . . . . .	3,713
Number of Judgments taken . . . . .	1,560
Number of cases appealed to Circuit Court . . . . .	18
Number of Transcripts issued . . . . .	27

*Report of Fines, Costs and Fees*

Amount of fines for State Law Violations . . . . .	\$ 7,900.00
Amount of costs for State Law Violations . . . . .	7,295.00
Amount of Civil Fees . . . . .	4,538.06
Amount of Costs for City Ordinance Violations . . . . .	1,822.50
Total amount to County Treasurer . . . . .	\$21,555.56
Amount of Fines for City Ordinance Violations . . . . .	7,272.50
Total Receipts of office . . . . .	\$28,828.06

HENRY W. HARPSTER,  
*Justice of the Peace.*

LEIGH D. BOMBAR,  
*Clerk of the Court.*

Report filed August 15, 1928.

INTERESTING COMPARISONS

The year ending August 1st brings to light a startling array of statistics and shows a great increase in the business of the Justice's Office. The total cases handled last year were 2,139; this year's cases handled were 3,413.

Last year total days served in jail for law violations. was 5,369; this year 11,261

Amount of fines collected last year was \$18,857; this year \$28,828.06.

Last year State Law violators served time in jail, 4,422; this year, 8,862.

Last year there were 257 felonies committed; this year there were 598.

The report shows a tremendous increase in civil cases. Last year there were 1654; this year 4,538. All of which signifies that there were three times as many law suits started in Oakland County this year than for the same period last year.

This interesting and noteworthy fact stands out prominently. The vast amount of increased business of Justice Harpster's office, has been conducted with the same official court staff.

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CLERK OF THE COURT

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*M*UCH of the work of the Justice Court falls to the Clerk, and in a city with so much of the floating population, there is an unusual amount of it. Mr. Lee Bombar, Clerk, draws all complaints and warrants, keeps the Criminal Dockets, and handles all of the money that passes through the Court. September 5 there were ninety hearings. Mr. Bombar has a perfect system of filing and accounting, and is a keen student of the work of this Department of the Justice Court.