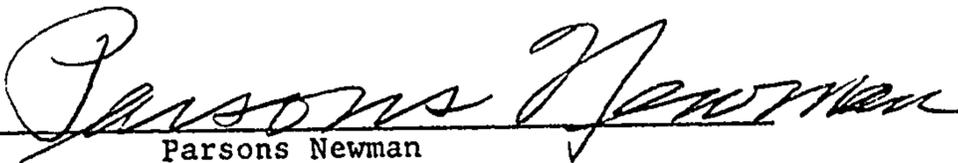
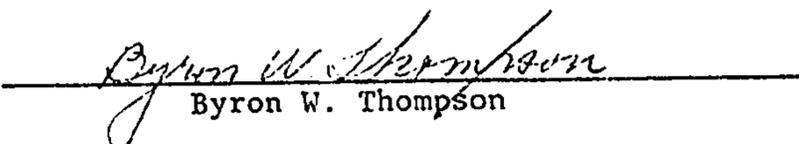


That the said sums arose from the tax sale hereinbefore set out and made on April 7, 1947. That your Respondents and their predecessors in title have been in possession of the said premises since the decree of your Honorable Court attacked herein. And your Respondent says that by acceptance of the money arising from the tax sale, the Petitioners are estopped from asserting the invalidity of the said tax sale, from claiming any present interest in the said land, and from filing this Petition in your Honorable Court. Your Respondent further charges and asserts that the Petitioners are guilty of laches and are not entitled to have reopened the decree heretofore passed in this cause on the first day of October, 1948.

And having fully answered, Stronghold, Inc., your Respondent, prays to be hence dismissed with its reasonable costs. ^

  
Parsons Newman

  
Byron W. Thompson

Solicitors for Stronghold, Inc.,  
Respondent.

Service of a copy of the foregoing Demurrer and Answer is hereby admitted, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1964.

  
Attorney for Petitioners

*Filed December 21, 1964*

Cause coming on for hearing, argument was heard by the Court.

It is thereupon this 23rd day of November, 1965, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, in Equity, ORDERED that the Demurrer filed in this proceeding is hereby sustained, with leave to amend.

  
JUDGE

*Filed November 23, 1965*