

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT.

The ANSWER of Frank Stillions, one of the respondents in the above cause, to the Bill of Complaint filed against him and others, in said cause, respectfully represents:

1. That he denies all the material allegations in said bill of complaint, excepting that allegation which names the heirs at law of the late Isaac Michael.
2. That he denies that the complainants or any of them named in said bill of Complaint, have any right, title or interest in or to the real estate mentioned in these proceedings.
3. And further answering said Bill of Complaint, this respondent says that the late Isaac Michael, in the year 1864, purchased the real estate mentioned in said Bill of Complaint from M. Zimmerman, then Sheriff of Frederick County, that the said Isaac Michael paid for said real estate on February 25, 1864, and took from said Sheriff his receipt for said payment; and the said Isaac Michael believing said receipt was a sufficient transfer of said real estate, took possession thereof and for a period of about 15 years had actual, hostile, visible, notorious, exclusive and continuous possession of said real estate, and that said Isaac Michael then gave said property to his daughter by endorsing on the back of said receipt "Mary R. Michael present from her Father", stating at the time of said gift that there was his deed from the Sheriff, and so he was sure it would be good for her too". and your respondent files here with a copy of said receipt, and will produce the original, when necessary to do so.
4. And further answering said Bill this respondent says that the said Mary Michael, who was later married to your respondent, under said gift from her father, had actual, hostile, visible, notorious, exclusive and continuous possession of said real estate, from the date of said gift, about the year 1885, until the date of her death in 1916, a period of more than twenty years.
5. That said Mary Stillions, formerly Mary Michael, before her death executed a last will and testament, which has been filed in the office of the Register of Wills for Frederick County, in which she devised all her real and personal estate to her husband and the said respondent Frank Stillions.
6. This respondent therefore avers and charges that he is the sole owner of said real estate in fee.

And having fully answered said Bill of Complaint he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs.

(Filed Oct, 27, 1916)

H. K. DeLauter  
Sol, for Frank Stillions.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO.

Lucretia Kefauver, et al.

vs.

Frank Stillions, et al.

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No. 9516 Equity.  
In the Circuit Court for  
Frederick County, In Equity.

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The Order of Publication heretofore passed in this cause having been duly published, and the said non-resident defendants, Minnie Day and Charles Day, her husband; Daisy Grumbine Gorin and \_\_\_\_\_ Gorin, her husband, Carrie Grumbine, Ann M. Michael, George Michael and Susan Michael, his wife; Theodore Michael and Mamie Michael his wife; M. Luther Michael, William H. Michael and Nannie Michael, his wife, \_\_\_\_\_ Williams and \_\_\_\_\_ Williams, infants, having failed to appear and answer the Bill filed in the above entitled matter,

IT IS THEREUPON, this 13th day of November, A.D. 1916, by the authority of this Court, adjudged, ordered and decreed that said Bill of Complaint be and the same is hereby taken proconfesso against said defendants, but because it does not certainly appear to what relief the complainants are entitled, it is further ordered that the cause