

abandonment and closing of the streets here involved. I therefore find that this Court has jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter of this action.

A plat showing the location of the streets and alley proposed to be abandoned was admitted in evidence.

From the testimony and evidence presented before me, I find that the Petitioner and its predecessors in title owned the large tract of land on which said streets are located and many years ago opened these streets at their expense. Houses were constructed along said streets for the use of Petitioners and its predecessors and employees of American Spinning Mill. These streets were never deeded to Greenville County, but I find that the County Supervisor did maintain them for several years until about three (3) years ago. I find that after many years' use, all of the houses along these streets have now been torn down and that the County no longer maintains these streets. The streets are in a bad state of repair and in recent years have been used as "lover's lanes", for dumping garbage, etc. which has created a health hazard and has placed an additional burden on law enforcement officers. Due to these factors, I find that the streets involved were barricaded about three (3) years ago and have not been used by the public since that time. The alley involved in this proceeding was either never opened or was closed many years ago, and I find that no trace thereof can now be found on the land.

It further appears from the evidence that these streets are no longer needed and that they have not been used by the general public for some time, and that no protests or objections from the public has been lodged with the Petitioner or the County over their having been closed and barricaded. I further find that the expense of restoring these streets to a good state of repair and thereafter maintaining them would be an unnecessary and unjustified expense to the County.

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