

abutting property owners whose property would be affected by the 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.

From the evidence presented before me, I find that the Petitioner and its predecessors in title owned the land on which these streets are located and many years ago opened these streets at their expense, and placed houses alongside thereof, for the use of their employees at American Spinning Mill. I find that these streets were never deeded to Greenville County, but that the County Supervisor did maintain them for several years until slightly more than one year ago.

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I find that after many years' use, all of the houses along these streets have now been torn down, and, as already noted, the County no longer maintains said streets. They are now in a bad state of repair, and in recent years have been used as "Lovers Lanes" and for dumping garbage. I find that this has created a health hazard and has placed an additional burden on law enforcement officers.

I further find that these streets are no longer needed or used by the general public, and that most of them have been closed or barricaded for more than one year without any protest or objection from the public. The only informal objection made to Petitioner by anyone concerning the closing of these streets is a request by the Bethel Methodist Church that Buff Street not be closed, and the Petitioner, at the hearing before me, withdrew its request as to Buff Street.

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