

Copper and Beatrice Terraces



1904

Many men from Hayle and the surrounding villages went to South Africa, America and Australia to find work after the local mines began to close from the late 1850s up to the early 1900s.

In 1901 Jack Luke, having made his fortune in the South African Copper Mines, bought land and built two rows of terraced houses on it.

The first row he named Copper Terrace, to commemorate the Copperhouse Smelter, which had once stood on the site. The second row he named Beatrice Terrace, in honour of his eldest daughter.

Some of the houses were given the names of the S. A. mines such as 'Langalatae' and 'Dombey'. Some also have a star, believed to represent the 'Star of South Africa' incised in the decorative plaster above their windows.

