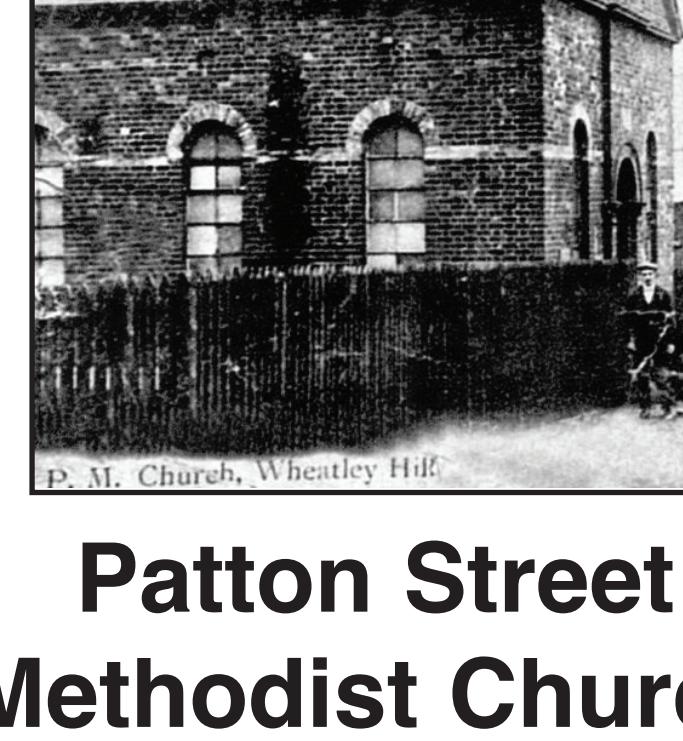


THE BUILDING OF A COLLIERY VILLAGE

The colliery was the main employer in the village from 1868 until its closure in 1968 and families of the workers relied on the pit for their housing and security. Shops, Pubs, Schools, Places of Worship all grew up to support the mining community — without the pit there would not have been a community



The First School, 1870

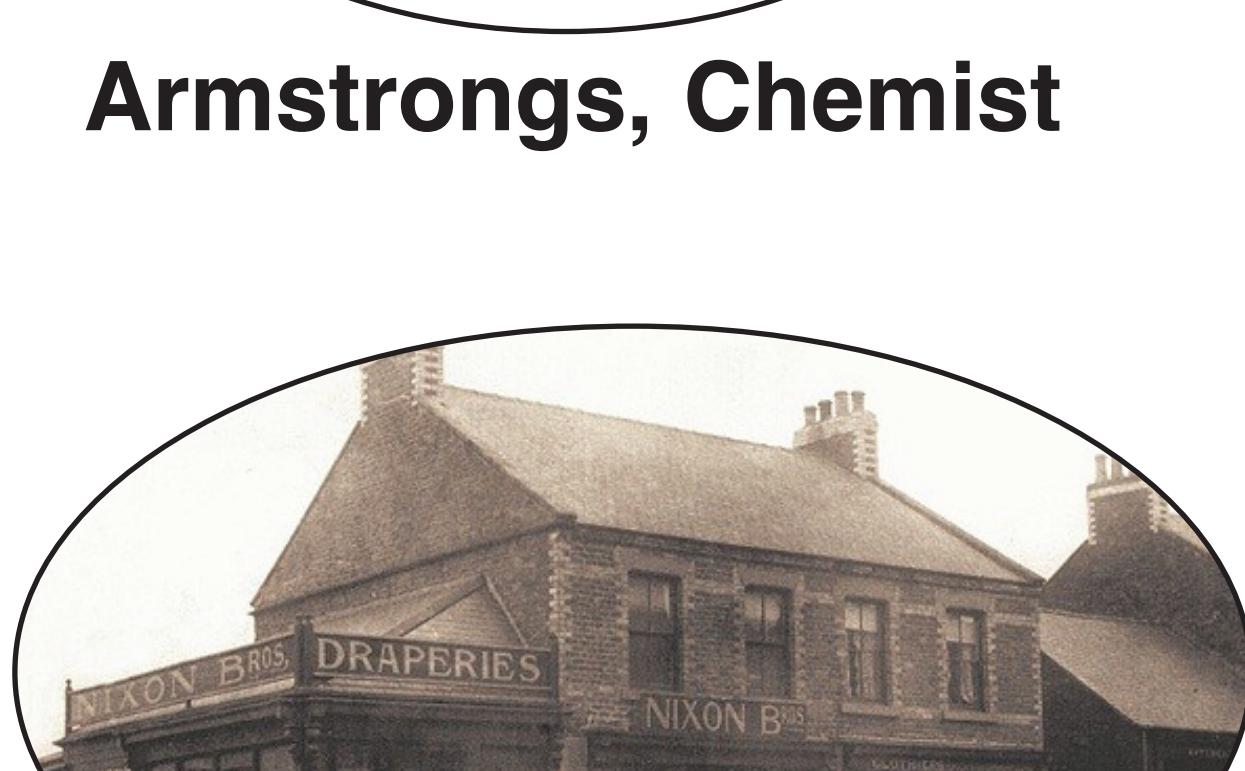
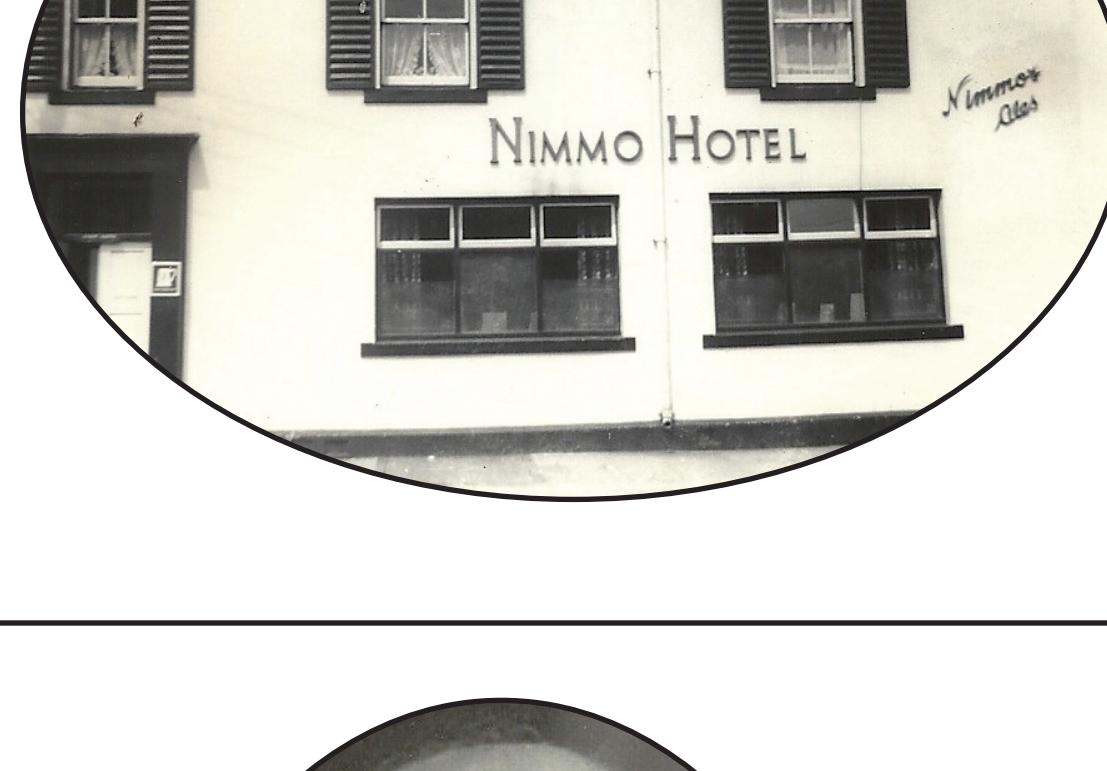


**Patton Street
Methodist Church**



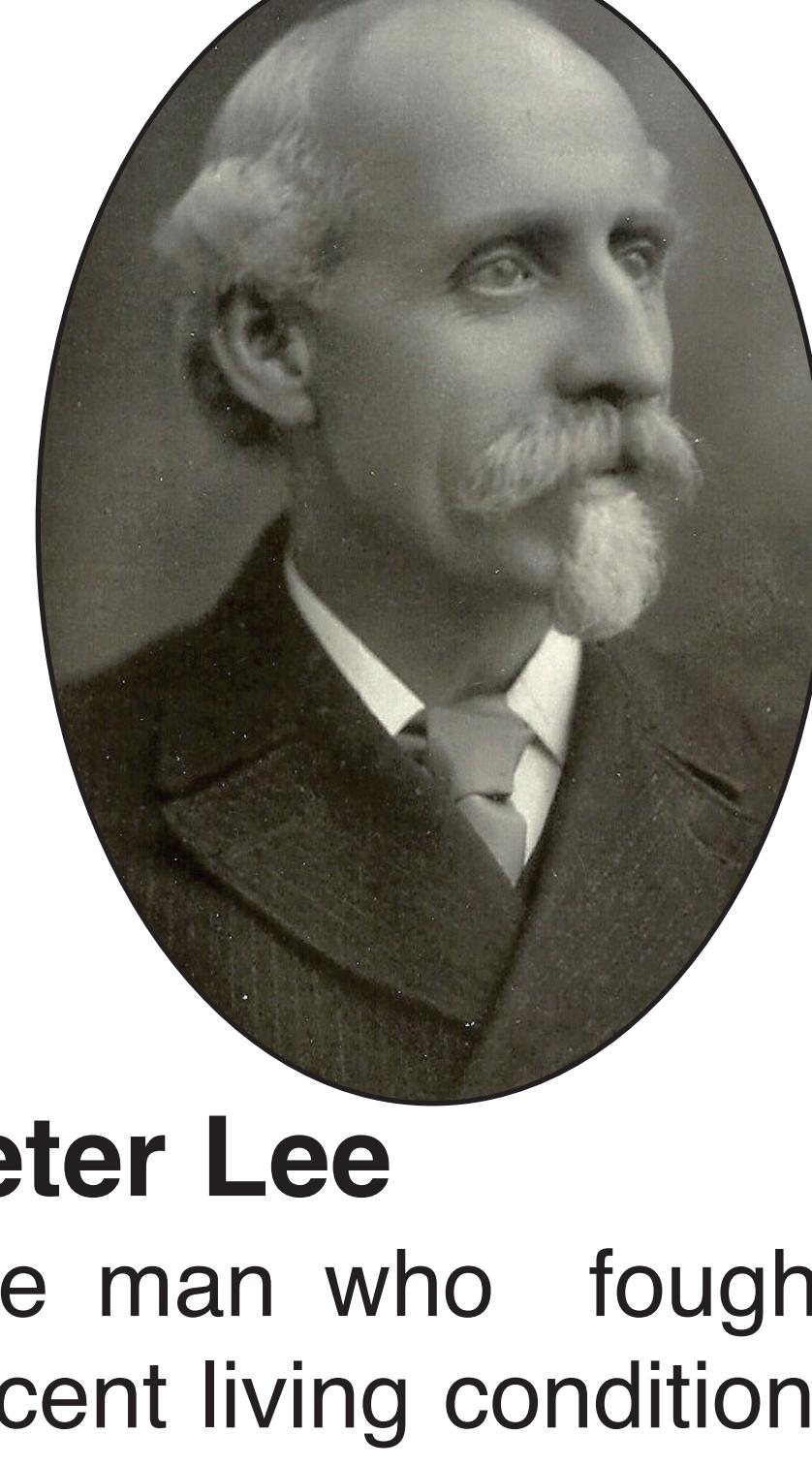
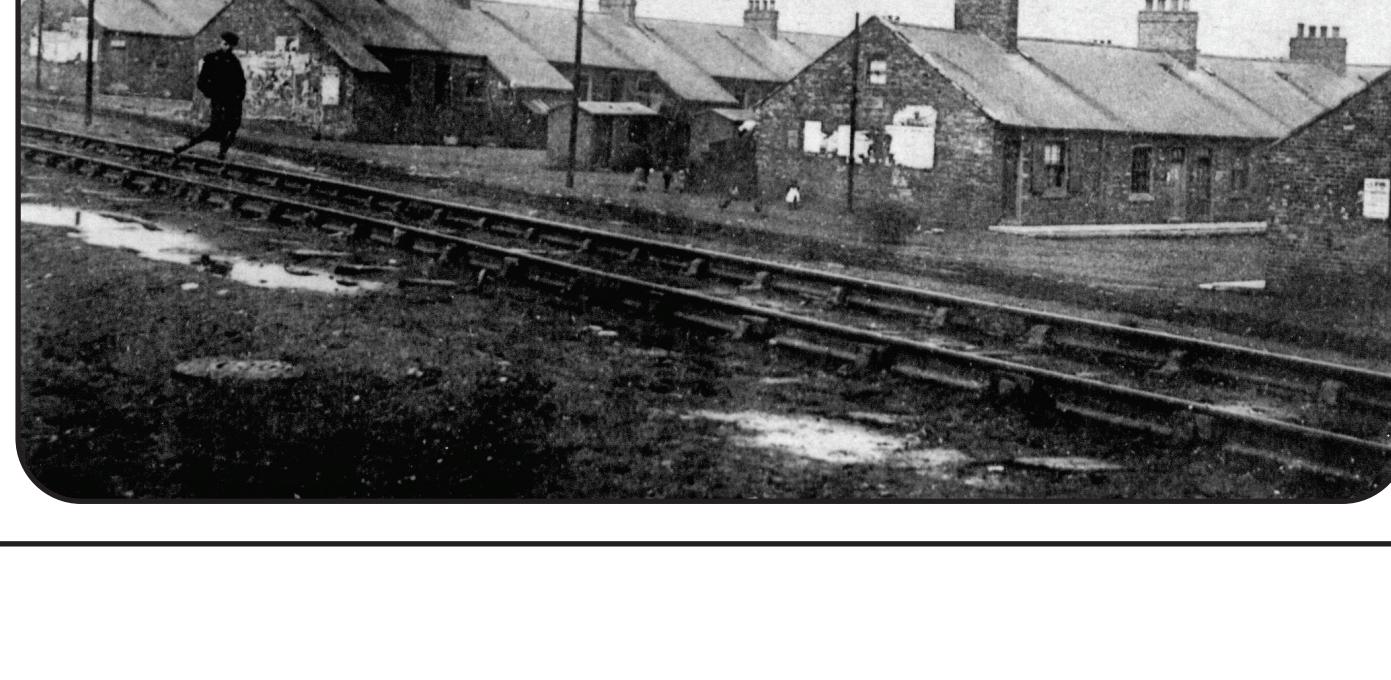
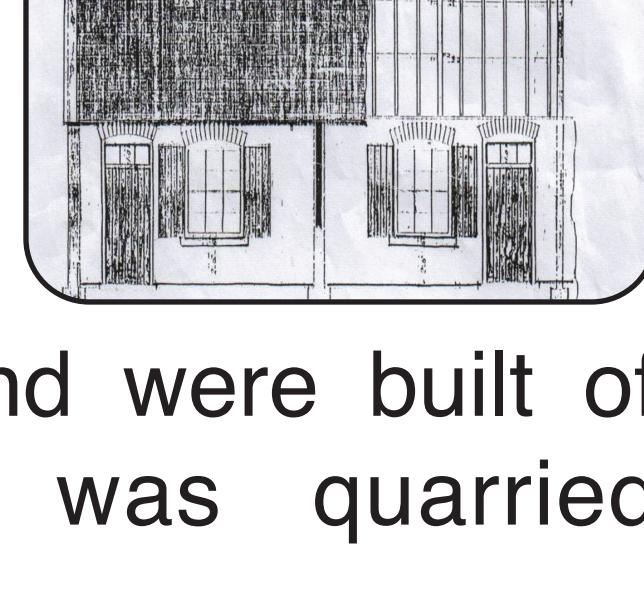
Armstrongs, Chemist

The village developed from the 1860s. The village before the colliery centred around Rock Farm



Nixons General Dealers

These are the plans of the first houses in Wheatley Hill. They cost £69 each to build and were built of limestone that was quarried locally



Peter Lee

The man who fought for decent living conditions for the people of Wheatley Hill and the only man in this country to have a town named after him

coal under the limestone

