

SINGAPORE

STREET NAMES

Lavender Street is called as such because lavenders once grew there...

Sure or Not?

Street names sometimes offer a glimpse of the history, surroundings and function of a place. How well do you know your streets?

LAVENDER STREET

The name was a tongue-in-cheek reference to the street that used to be one of the foulest smelling streets due to the old town gas work and plant fertilisers nearby. The name became official in 1858.

OPERA ESTATE

The street names in Opera Estate have a 'theme' that is associated with operas. Fidelio Street, for example, is named after Fidelio, an opera by Ludwig van Beethoven, which tells the tale of love between Florestan and Leonora.

HIGH STREET

The road was called as such because it was on a high ground. It is also one of the oldest streets in Singapore, and the first road to be constructed by Singapore's first town planner, Lieutenant Henry Ralfe.

SAGO LANE

The road that connects South Bridge Road to Banda Street derives its name from the many sago flour factories that were in its vicinity during the 1840s.

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