

8 Wille Cottages, South Street

| Date | Owner | Occupier | Notes | Source |
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| | 8 Wille Cottages, South Street | | Date on stone on cottage: 1898 | |
| | | | No record of inhabitants in 1891 but said to be Mr Norman and his daughter, who married Mr Beard | From Jill Goulder, see below |
| 1901 | | John David Beard | Age 26, printer compositor, B. East Grinstead; Louise Beard, wife, age 26; Reginald J Beard, son, age 1; William N Beard, age 1 mth; Kate Norman, sister in law, age 29 All b. Lewes | Census |
| 1911 | | John David Beard | <p>Age 36, compositor, printing, b. East Grinstead; Louise Beard, wife, age 36, b. Lewes; Reginald John Beard, son, age 11, b. Lewes; William Norman Beard, son, age 10, b. Lewes; Raymond Charles Beard, son, age 2, b. Lewes; Matilda de Waldeck, age 59, widow, b. Paris</p> <p>5 Rooms</p> <p>Note: Count George Gaston Maximillien de Waldeck, son of lodger, commemorated on Lewes War Memorial. Matilda's husband, Count Gaston Frederic de Waldeck had died in 1905.</p> <div> <p>WALDECK DE</p> <p>Count George Gaston Maximillien</p> <p>Signaller. 171st Infantry Regiment of the Line. French Army. Killed in action on the Chemin Des Dames during General Nivelle's offensive 5 May 1917. Aged 22. Son of Mathilde de Waldeck of 17, New Street, Lewes. Place of burial unknown,</p> </div> | Census |
| 1914- | | Mrs Louise Beard | J D Beard died 1913. His wife is named as householder in street | St Dir |

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| 1962 | | | directories until 1962 | |
| 1921 | | Louise Beard | Age 47, widow: Raymond Beard, son, age 13; Kate Norman, visitor, age 52, needlework | Census |
| 1939 | | Raymond C Beard | b. 11/05/1908, motor driver, heavy worker; Elizabeth Beard, b. 22/11/1912; Louise Beard, b. 29/05/1873, widowed, private means; 1 closed record; Frederick W J Beard, b. 3/07/1926, at school; Derek R Beard, b. 26/09/1934, at school; 1 closed record | 1939 Register |
| 1964-1969 | | William Western | | St Dir |
| 1970-1974 | | Ronald J Western | | St Dir |
| | | | <p>Information from Jill Goulder</p> <p>I was chatting to Barbara Merchant and she mentioned that she had some historical material mentioning 8 Wille Cottages, and we've pieced together a nice little story. The original inhabitant c.1898 was a Mr. Norman and his daughter; she soon married a Mr. Beard, and they had children, and Mrs. Beard lived here right up to 1963. The 1911 census shows that Mr. Norman was no longer here but that they had a lodger, Mme. de Waldeck, a widow aged 59. In 1916/17 Reeves took portraits of her and probably of her son, Count George Gaston Maximillien de Waldeck; he joined the French army and was killed in 1917, and is on the War Memorial. In 1919 Mme. de Waldeck (by now probably living in New Rd - she owned 3 houses there, property of her French late husband) had a photo reduced for a locket - probably that of her late son. I like thinking of them all here!</p> | |

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| 1986 | Garden Cottages no. 1 & 2 | | Planning permission granted for a pair of semi-detached cottages to the west of 4 Wille Cottages | |
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