

# Beeding Windmill

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The mill is shown on Mason's map of 1733, when it was owned by John Emery.

The 1838 rental of the Manor of Beeding shows Richard Hugh Kidd of Steyning as the owner and miller of the windmill and 1 acre of land.

The occupier of Mill House as listed on the 1841 census, was William Etteridge. He lived there with his son, aged two, a female servant and agricultural labourer. He is mentioned again in the 1851 census and described as a journeyman miller, with his wife and three children.

The 1861 census shows Richard H. Kidd living in the mill unmarried and alone, aged 54.

The photograph is said to have been taken in about 1870 and it was about this time that it ceased to operate. It was derelict by 1876 and blew down in a gale around 1888. The timbers were removed to Horton Farm in 1892, according to information provided by Peter Hill of the Sussex Mills Group. He said much of his information was from the collection of H.E.S. Simmons, who researched Sussex Mills in the 1930s.

