

**Books published while
Jefferies lived in Sussex:**

<i>Nature Near London</i>	1883
<i>The Story of My Heart</i>	1883
<i>Red Deer</i>	1884
<i>The Life of the Fields</i>	1884
<i>The Dewy Morn</i>	1884
<i>After London</i>	1884
<i>The Open Air</i>	1885
<i>Amaryllis at the Fair</i>	1887
<i>Field and Hedgerow*</i>	1889

*posthumous: contains many Sussex essays

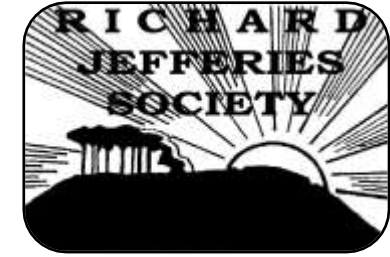
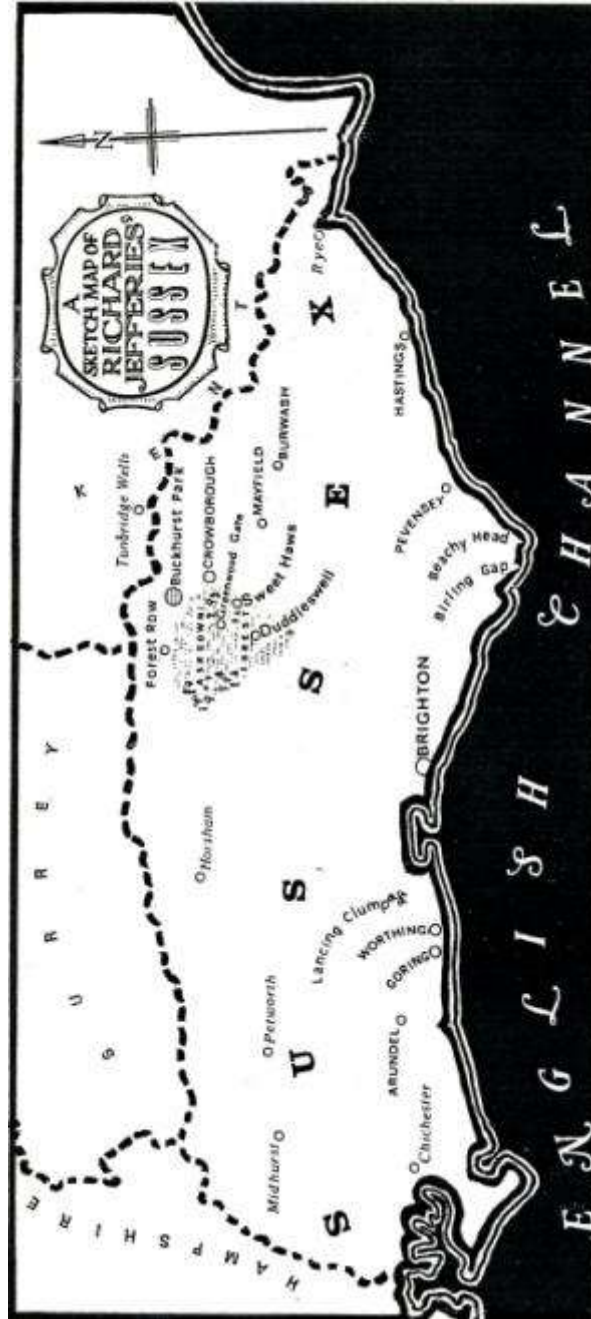
See A H Anderson 'Richard Jefferies and Sussex' in *Sussex County Magazine*, XI (Aug 1937).



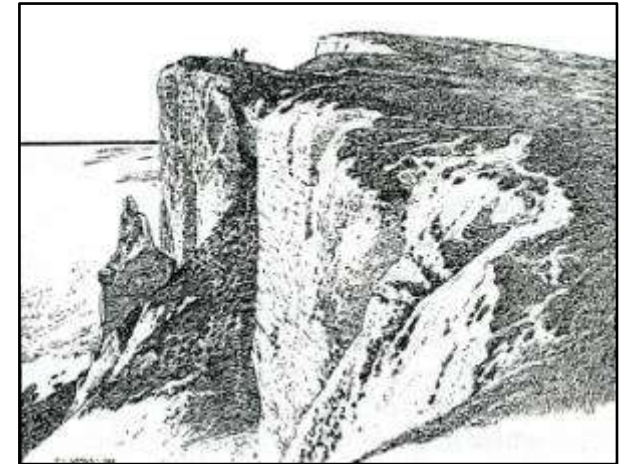
'Sea View', Goring

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Richard Jefferies in Sussex



Beachy Head

"But the glory of these glorious Downs is the breeze... Discover some excuse to be up there always...this is the land of health."

'The Breeze on Beachy Head'

RICHARD JEFFERIES IN SUSSEX

Richard Jefferies was born at Coate near Swindon on the 6th November 1848, and spent most of his first 28 years in Wiltshire. Ellen Harrild, his favourite aunt with whom he lived as a young boy, took him on delightful visits to Hastings, St. Leonards and other Sussex resorts. The county's attraction for him never faded. In 1882 he moved to Brighton. Apart from a brief spell in Eltham, he lived in Sussex until the end of his life.

From 1877 to 1882 he lived at Surbiton. There he wrote *The Gamekeeper at Home*, *Wild Life in a Southern County*, *The Amateur Poacher*, *Greene Ferne Farm.*, *Round About a Great Estate*, *Hodge and His Masters*, *Wood Magic* and *Bevis*.



(now 87 Lorna Road, Brighton)

Ill health led him to move to Brighton where he could be near the sea and the Downs — he set great store by nature's cures. Yet he could still reach London by train. More books followed including the matchless *The Story of My Heart*.

While in Brighton he lived at 3 Lorna Road; later at a house in Lorna Road called 'Savernake'; the house now bears a plaque. After a sad spell at Eltham where his baby son died, he returned to Sussex, living briefly at Rotherfield and Jarvis Brook, longer at 'The Downs', Crowborough, where he could enjoy Ashdown Forest.



By 1886, suffering greatly with TB, from which there was no recovery, he moved to 'Sea View' (now 'Jefferies House'), Goring. In spite of physical weakness he continued writing to support his wife and two children, but died on the 14th August 1887. He is buried, at his request, at Broadwater Cemetery, Worthing.

Essays with a Sussex setting, by Richard Jefferies — a selection:

Nature Near London
To Brighton
The Southdown Shepherd
The Breeze on Beachy Head
Chronicles of the Hedges
A February Day in Stanmer Park
The Hills and the Vale
On the Downs
The Life of the Fields
Nature Near Brighton
Clematis Lane
Sea, Sky and Down
January in the Sussex Woods
The Open Air
Sunny Brighton
The Bathing Season
Field and Hedgerow
Buckhurst Park
The Country Sunday
The Country-side: Sussex
Winds of Heaven

