

MINNIS ROAD – South-eastern end of the road : 1911

All the houses as far as the Maltheuses were built by George Cousins between 1884 and 1886

[(O) signifies a house with an Observatory on the roof.]

1. An empty plot of land – now in Sandles Road, but in 1911 it had a workshop on it for Walter Norris, Bootmaker.
2. **“ORLEBAR”** Miss Vercoe was living there in 1911
George Cousins moved in here until his death in 1908, having lived in “Grenville House” to begin with.
This was the last one he built in Minnis Road.
3. (O) **“GRENVILLE HOUSE”** Built in 1884 – This was the first of the 9 houses George Cousins built and he lived here when he first built it. Arthur Cameron Hertzog was living here in 1911
4. (O) **“HOMEFIELD”** By 1911 Mrs Ward had bought the house. Its original name was “CUTHBERT HOUSE”. It is fairly certain that Mrs Ward rented the house from George Cousins from 1908, when soon after she first came to Birchington.
5. (O) **“DANE BANK”** Rented out in 1911 - also called “HAWESLEY” and “KUANTAN” - by 1920 it had been renamed “ADINKERKE”
6. (O) **“THE COTTAGE”** Frederick le Marchand occupied this in 1911. Known as “BENTLEY COTTAGE” when it was first built in 1884. By 1920 it had been renamed “CLAREHAVEN”
7. 8. & 9. **“SEA VIEW COTTAGES”** The terrace of three flat roofed cottages just before the entrance to the Malt Houses. They were built by 1885 and occupied by Miss M.M. White L.H., Edward Standen and Edward Castle in 1911.

When the houses were first built, access to the observatory was via a steep iron ladder with iron hand rails attached each side