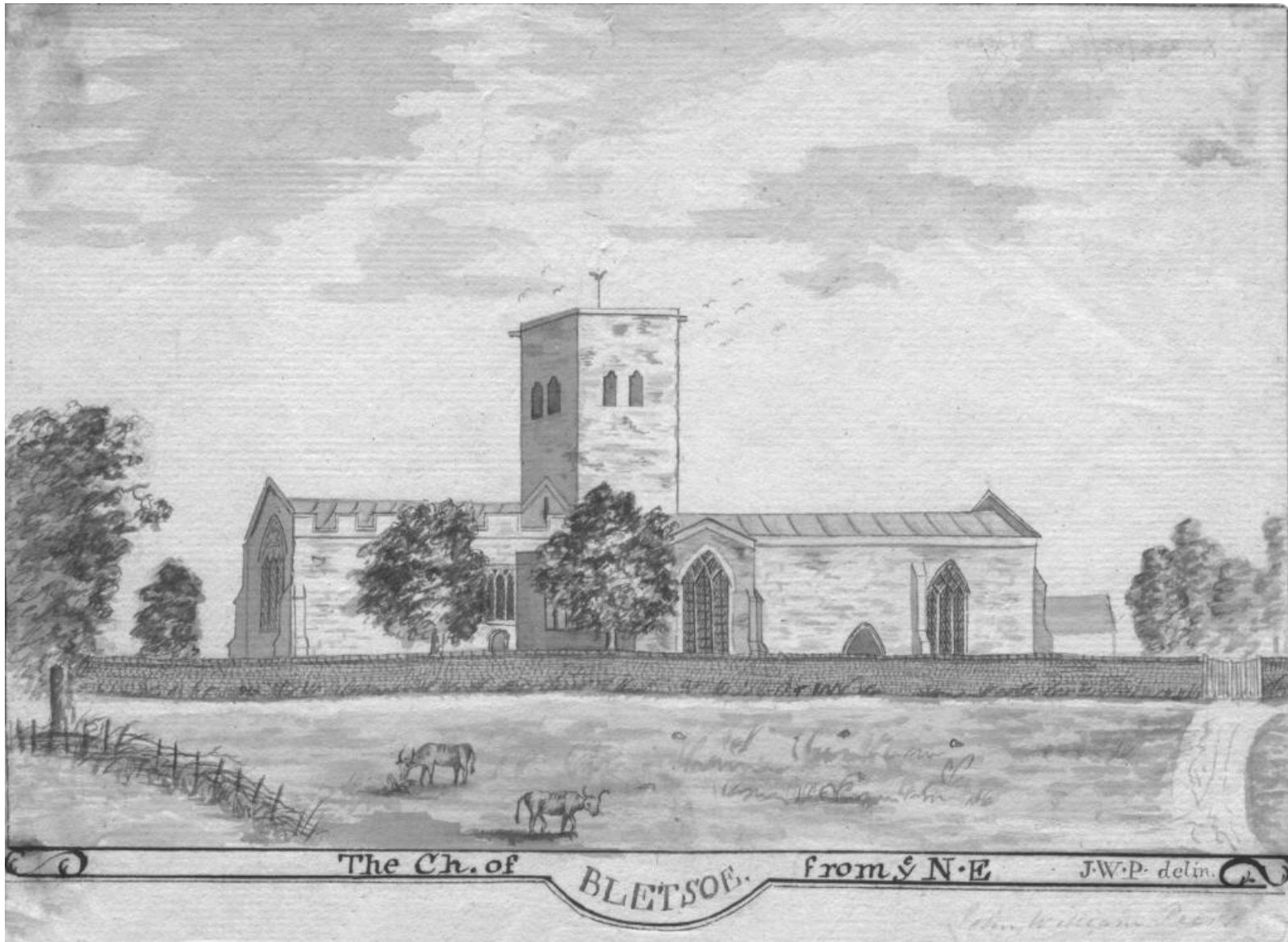




Bletsoe Church from the north-east, J W Peers, 1800

One of the earliest illustrations of the church, also confirming the position of the parish cottages adjacent to the south-east boundary wall of the churchyard, visible beyond the right-hand side of the nave [see BARS 36/2/6 & 36/25/6]. These cottages were listed in the church terrier of 1822 as "adjoining the churchyard on the south-west of the yearly value of about 20s., which is at present occupied by old and infirm people, who the churchwardens permit to live rent free.". They were presumably demolished some time before construction of the school in 1851. The depiction of the church is cruder than Fisher's slightly later watercolour but the visible detail seems consistent.

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