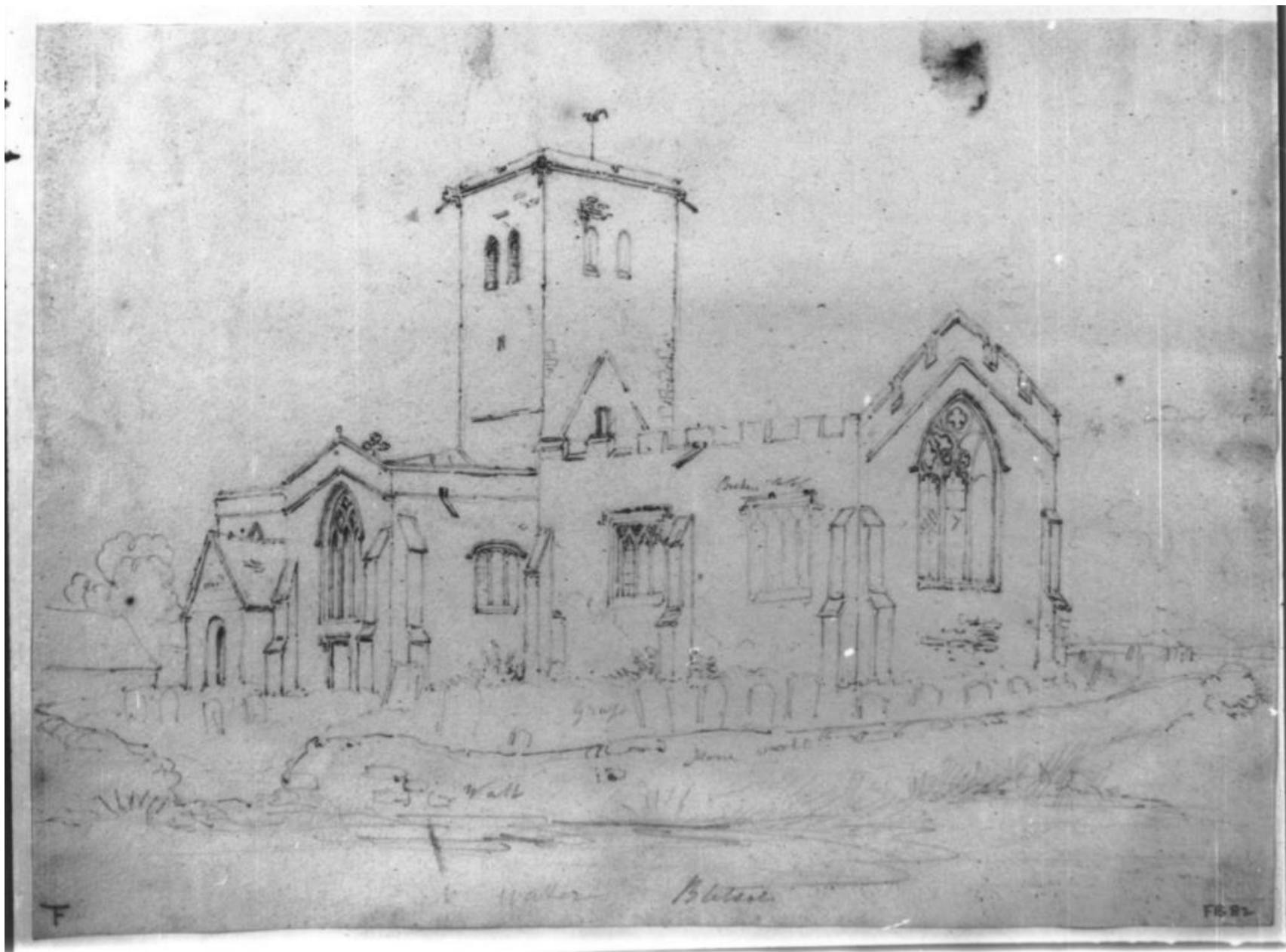




Bletsoe Church from the south-east, Thomas Fisher, c1812

At the 1860s restoration the plain, undecorated south porch will be substantially rebuilt, and the doorway in the end of the south transept blocked up. The crenellated chancel parapet will be removed and shallow roof pitches and gables made steeper. The tower access turret between the chancel and the south transept will be added; also gable finials. Before the building of Bletsoe School in 1851, the south transept was the village schoolroom and Parish Clerk's Office, hence the door in its south wall. **EB14** (BARS Z49-1059)



Modern view from SE for comparison with Fisher pencil sketch of c1812 above – see caption for major alterations of 1860s restoration
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