



Bletsoe Rectory from the south west, c1860

An early photograph in poor condition, but clearly showing the rectory as rebuilt by Revd John Tomlinson Day in 1834, and before the major extension and remodelling of the 1880s. The figure of a woman seated between the two leftmost ground-floor windows, is possibly Ellen Mary Day, wife of Revd. Day. The only known surviving part of the previous building exists in the form of a circular table in the church vestry. On the orders of Revd. Day, this table was fashioned from a large beam removed from the older rectory when he had it demolished in 1833. In 1839 he bequeathed the table to successive rectors in perpetuity; the underside of one of the drawers of the table bears a memorandum to this effect in Day's own hand.

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