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Dear Helen,

Many thanks for your enquiry last year and my apologies for the amount of time it has taken for us to reply.

I'm attaching a photo of Edward Blewett and the sale leaflet of the former Baptist Chapel at Westbury, which was one of Rev Blewett's pastorates.

The information you sent about his business life was accurate. He appears to have travelled to Barton, Boston USA in 1892, remaining there until 1896. Following this date he is listed as 'without pastorate' from 1896 – 1915, the year he died aged 78, in the February.

The Westbury Leigh Chapel was built in 1796 and was left to the Wilts & E. Somerset Association when Rev Blewett died. It was not restored until 1876. It was sold by auction on 5th June 2019 and is now empty but extant.

Of Rev Blewett's earlier life, we know that he was born in 1837 in Penzance, and entered College (from Sandhurst, Australia) in 1864, settling in 1866 in Westbury. From 1872-1885 he was 'without pastorate.' We think it is possible that after 1872 he may have lost his faith, but this is conjecture and cannot be proven.

I hope this is of some help, albeit belatedly,

With my best wishes,

Annabel.

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