

LISMAKEERY, or LISMACDIRY:

A parish, in the barony of Lower Connello East, 2 ¼ miles (S.) from Askeaton, on the road to Newbridge, and on the western bank of the River Deel; containing 1268 inhabitants. It comprises 1016 statute acres, as applotted under the tithe act, consisting chiefly of a light soil interspersed with limestone crags, and much encumbered with loose stones, presenting an uneven surface and bleak appearance, but is nevertheless generally productive, and on the banks of the Deel is even fertile. Altavilla, the handsome residence of T. G. Bateman, Esq., surrounded by a well-planted demesne, is finely situated on this river, at the south-eastern extremity of the parish. It is a rectory, in the diocese of Limerick, forming part of the union of Askeaton: the tithes amount to £180. In the R.C. divisions also it is included in the union or district of Askeaton. On an eminence near Altavilla are the ruins of the old church.