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1798-1832

Somogyi Farm

West side of Back River Neck Road,
south of Holly Neck Road

The John I. Somogyi farm house is believed to be the oldest house in the Essex vicinity after Ballestone (Cedar Point) Mansion. Behind the barn is a tombstone of former owner Mary Lemmon (d. 1827). Alexis Lemmon's dwelling was worth only \$187.50 in the 1798 tax list. The house was still only worth \$100 at the time of the 1813 tax list. A two-story brick house, his former residence, was advertised in the American, Feb. 13, 1832. A shell road runs from the house to the shore of Back River. It was shown as George Mankin's house on the 1850 map and later belonged to William Schluderberg.