The Seidner family who built this stucco building came to the U.S. from Austria in 1889. Originally, Emma, her husband Jacob, and their children lived in Stonington. Jacob ran a number of businesses until his death, around 1917.

This building was completed by 1920, and Emma's son, Otto ran a delicatessen here. Emma lived upstairs with Otto and his wife. In 1925, Otto sold the business to Napoleon Goyette, who continued to operate a deli on this site for a number of years. Emma, along with Otto and his sister relocated to Pawcatuck.

Around 1922, Otto founded Seidner's Mayonnaise Co. He became a successful and prominent businessman who supported many cultural organizations in the Westerly-Pawcatuck area. Seidner's Mayonnaise is still made from Otto's 1922 recipe.

The original street number was 22 1/2. When the house next door was incorporated into the Whaler's Inn at 20 East Main, this building was renumbered as 22. Located in the two-story building today are H. L. Smith Plumbing and Heating, in business for 67 years, as well as a small gift shop, which succeeded a long time realtor. Pictures of the Seidner family are on display there. In the storeroom at the back, you can see features of the original building, such as a tin ceiling. Several professional offices occupy the second floor.