20 East Main Street - Whalers Inn

The site of today's "Whaler's Inn" has offered accommodations for visitors since the construction of The Hoxie House in 1860 by Benjamin Franklin Hoxie. The property has more than three separate buildings: the Clinton Block, the "new Hoxie House", and the former Mallory house which is east of the Clinton Block. The building known today as the Hoxie House was reconstructed after a fire in 1975 and nothing of Hoxie's original hotel remains.

However the Clinton building, which houses the lobby of Whaler's Inn, as well as guest rooms, is much older than the rebuilt Hoxie House. It was erected about 1920 with shops on the first floor and rooms for rent on the upper floors. The name "Clinton" no doubt comes from J. Clinton Fitch, who described himself as a "hotel proprietor" on the 1920 census and who was employed there for a number of year. The Clinton Block was added to the Whaler's Inn in 1969 and renovated in 1998.

Today, the Whaler's Inn is known for its excellent location and award-winning service.