

## 22 East Main Street – HJ Smith Plumbing and Heating

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.