

## M. Wolfe Meats

Founded: 1856

Location: Mechanic and West Union Streets, New Albany (1856); Old Hoosier Market (1890, 1891–1937); southwest corner of Pearl and Spring Streets (1937–67); 211 East Market Street (1967– )

M. Wolfe opened a butcher shop in New Albany in 1856. For almost 150 years the company's name has remained the same, even though a number of owners have come and gone. Wolfe retailed beef, pork, veal, lamb, and meat-related products. He also offered sausage and cured meats. His son Mathias took over the meat company in 1899. Minnie Wolfe became the store's owner in 1903. Albert J. Wolfe took over in 1941. Charles W. Robinson, Albert's son-in-law, inherited the firm in 1968.

The company has survived much hardship, including a tornado in 1918 that destroyed the business records of the firm and the 1937 flood, which forced the company to move from the Old Hoosier Market. After World War II the company expanded into the wholesale business, providing food to restaurants, hospitals, and other businesses. Because of the wholesale business the company buys meat in large quantities, which has the added bonus of allowing the firm to remain competitive in its retail sales.

William Robinson owned and managed the meat wholesaler in 1998.