

Wolf's Supermarket, Incorporated

Founded: 1885

Location: Old Hoosier Market, New Albany (1885–1937); 107 West Market (1937–47); First and Market Streets (1947–58); 129 West Market Street (1958–93); 25 West Seventh Street (1993–)

Louis Wolf opened his butcher shop in 1885 in New Albany's Old Hoosier Market. After the market was destroyed in the 1937 flood, Wolf moved his business to West Market Street. At the new quarters Wolf added groceries to his line of retail goods. His sons, Louis S., Milford, and Beveridge, helped their father in the store.

Louis lived until 1946, at which point two of his sons, Milford and Beveridge Wolf, took over the enterprise. In order to expand the business they moved to a larger building on the corner of First and Market Streets. After more than a decade at the new location the brothers sold the property to the city and relocated the firm across the street.

With the addition of groceries and the various moves, the brothers decided to set up a meat-processing plant on West Seventh Street. In 1960 the partnership came to an end as Beveridge bought Milford's share of the concern. Beveridge's son Robert G. became a partner with his father in the company. A decade later the father-and-son team incorporated the company as Wolf's Supermarket, Incorporated. Beveridge was the first president, and Robert served as vice president.

In 1977 Robert Wolf became the president of the corporation. He continued the slaughtering and retail operations, adding a catering line to the business. By the 1980s the company had a thriving deli lunch business, as the store was located across the street from the city-county building. In 1993 Robert closed the retail portion of the company to focus on the catering and wholesale sections of the enterprise. In 1998 Robert and his

wife, Cheryl L. Wolf, served as president and vice president of the company,
respectively.