

Peter Eckrich

1864 – 1942



Homemade sausages led Peter Eckrich to a multi-million dollar company. He began his business in a retail shop at Smith and Wallace streets in 1894, opening a small wholesale meat business in 1907. The first plant was built on Broadway in 1911, but it wasn't until 1925 that Peter Eckrich and Sons, was incorporated.

The Eckrich's remained active in company operations before and after its acquisition by what is now Beatrice Cos., Inc. During Eckrich's lifetime, the company expanded into a major regional producer of meat products, building a plant at 1025 Osage St. in 1932.