

The Texas Hot Dogs Story...

Texas Hot Dogs has been owned and operated in my family for four generations. My grandfather Peter George opened the first Texas Hot Dogs in 1918. While he was “Pete” to his friends, he was originally born in the Greek town of Nea Korini, where his original name was Peter Koufougeorgas. When he immigrated to America, he and his family eventually settled in Altoona, Pennsylvania, although he originally opened his business in DuBois with his brother Frank. A few years later, Peter George moved the business to the downtown area of Altoona, PA.



Texas Hot Dogs is known for its unique chili sauce, developed by Peter George and is still made the same way today. It's our core topping on our regulars' hot dogs, where an “everything” includes brown mustard, chili sauce, and freshly chopped onions. The sauce is also a customer favorite on our fries and macaroni orders. For 100 years and counting, George's ideas of fresh ingredients and value for your dollar have made us a hometown favorite for an easy lunch or dinner.

After Peter George passed away, his two sons Anthony D. George and George P. George (my uncles), operated the business. My mother, Niai, worked the family business along with her brothers. George later moved on and opened his own store in Pinecroft, Pennsylvania. Anthony continued to operate the downtown store and later in the 1960s, he expanded to a location on Goods Lane and 58th Street by the Logan Valley Mall.

In 1974, my parents Daniel & Niai Lamont purchased the downtown and 58th Street restaurants from Anthony. Over the years, my brother Robert and I took over the downtown and 58th Street locations, respectively. My daughter Kate Mason now manages the downtown location, where she continues to serve hearty food done fast and keeps a welcoming atmosphere for our longtime locals and far-traveling fans.

Our restaurant is an immigrant success story and a family tradition, and we are proud to call Altoona our home. We hope to continue to serve our community quality food and service for many years to come!

– Anthony Lamont, Proprietor of Texas Hot Dogs in Altoona, PA