

## **History & Tradition**

Our family Steak Sauce recipe has survived the journey of our ancestors who immigrated from Germany to America, New York to South Carolina and finally from Alabama and to Florida. Prior generations began marketing the cherished recipe however, during hard times, raising a family took precedence.

George Geck was handed down this special recipe from his father before leaving Germany in 1839. Although he was a shoemaker by trade, it was George's dream to present to the world his family's treasured Steak Sauce. Unfortunately, before his dream could be fulfilled, he was called into the Civil War.

After the war, in 1867, George and his wife, Martha, were blessed with a son, Lewis Geck. At 15, Lewis received the family recipe and once again, the Steak Sauce legacy would continue.

The Depression, World War II and difficult times were in store for Bill, the youngest son of Lewis Geck. He married Geraldine in Alabama and together they raised two daughters and eight sons. Unable to provide for his family, Bill was forced to relocate and the family carried the age old recipe to South Carolina, where they started a produce business. In 1957, after a devastating freeze, the Gecks moved further south and eventually settled in Palatka, Florida.

## The Sauce Goes to Market

In January 1991, Terry, the youngest of the Geck children and his wife Lisamarie, made efforts toward fulfilling the dream of five generations. With the blessings of their entire family; they were able to build a manufacturing facility and the company, Stage Coach Sauces.

Today, Stage Coach products are available nationwide and serve as a testimony to the family's commitment to a superior Steak Sauce.

Why the name Stage Coach? It was the means of transportation our relatives used to deliver our sauces in Germany.