



GF Buche Co. Timeline

Since 1905



GF Buche Co. had 21 stores at one time. Many of those stores closed during the 1930's. The majority of the stores were just grocery stores. The locations of these stores:

- Wagner, SD
- Tyndall, SD
- Geddes, SD
- Delmont, SD
- Armour, SD
- Yankton, SD
- Gregory, SD
- Washta, IA
- Springfield, SD
- Parkston, SD
- Platte, SD
- Lake Andes, SD
- Centerville, SD
- Madison, SD
- Sioux Falls, SD
- Kingsburg, SD
- Parker, SD
- Scotland, SD
- Dante, SD
- Ravinia, SD
- Tripp, SD
- Cherokee, IA

- 1904 Gus (GF) Buche accepts a job managing a variety store for Charles and Herman Moneke in Lake Andes, SD
- 1905 GF Buche bought out Charles and Herman Moneke in Lake Andes and officially GF Buche Co started (store closed in 1962).
- 08/19/1914 Incorporated. Stockholders were GF Buche, Ray Conlon, John A. Michaelson and AM Shaw.
- 1914 Opened stores in Platte, SD (store closed in the 1930's) and in Lake Andes, SD.
- 1919 Opened a store in Delmont, SD (store closed in 1934).
- 1920 Opened a store in Wagner, SD.
- 1924 Opened stores in Kingsburg, SD, Cherokee, IA and in Washta, IA (stores closed in the 1930's).
- 02/27/1924 Was decided to buy Taplett stock at Kingsburg, SD and move balance of Springfield stock to Kingsburg.
- 1926 Opened stores in Tyndall, SD (closed in 1941) and Scotland, SD (closed in the 1930's)
- 1927 Opened stores in Yankton, SD (store closed in the 1930's) and Armour, SD.
- 01/10/1927 Was decided to purchase the stock of merchandise of the Golden Rule Store at Armour, SD and open another store in the building formerly occupied by the Golden Rule Store. Store closed in 1939.



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- 1928 Opened stores in Parkston, SD (closed in the 1930's) and in Centerville, SD (closed in the 1930's).
- 1929 Opened stores in Platte SD (closed in 1938), Parker SD (closed in the 1930's), Madison SD (closed in the 1930's) and Wagner SD.
- 1930 Opened a store in Tripp, SD (closed in the 1930's).
- 12/10/1933 General store at Delmont closing after 01/01/1934 and open a general store at Gregory as soon as possible after closing the Delmont store, using Delmont fixtures where ever possible. According to fixture record, the Gregory store was opened in 1934.
- 12/06/1936 Ray Conlon reported that as the firm have 2 stores in Wagner it is likely a store building next to the Dry Goods Store could be rented and an arch put in connecting dry goods and grocery stores.
- 05/10/1938 Board approved the closing of the Parker & Platte stores and opening a new store in the Tower Building in Mitchell. The dry goods were moved from Platte to Mitchell. The transfer was approved of the Main Office from Lake Andes to Mitchell.
- 05/04/1939 Mr. Buche was instructed to either close out the Armour store or move the stock to Madison, SD should he be able to secure a satisfactory lease.
- 06/05/1941 Store in Tyndall was discontinued.
- 09/19/1941 Purchased lots 7 & 8 in the John Lawlers Addition in Mitchell, SD and proposed to build a new building.
- 02/05/1952 Mr. Buche reported that in September 1951 the grocery department in the Mitchell store had been closed and expanded into soft lines.
- 02/03/1953 Mr. Buche informed the stockholders that the Sioux Falls store had been operating at a loss and deemed it advisable to depose of the merchandise and rent the building.
- 1955 Robert Buche Sr. became president of GF Buche Co.
- 1959 Locations of Buche Foods were Mitchell, Wagner, Lake Andes and Gregory.



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- 08/1962 Closed Lake Andes store and sold it to Nick Kallas and Max Becker. Also had a stock of merchandise in Al's at Oacoma from 1960 to June of 1963.
- 04/09/1963 It was decided to buy a lot in Gregory for a new building. The lot was purchased from the Von Seggern family for \$7,000.
- 1963 Built a new store in Gregory, SD.
- 04/23/1965 It was decided to build a new Wagner store on Hwy 19.
- 12/73 Built and opened the Dog N Suds restaurant in Wagner, SD.
- 03/06/1975 Gus Francis Buche died at the age of 93.
- 07/20/1975 A fire destroyed the Dog N Suds restaurant.
- 09/26/1975 Re-opened the Dog N Suds restaurant. The name was later changed to the Lunch Bucket.
- 1976 Robert Buche Jr. became president of GF Buche Co.
- 03/15/1976 Leased a store in Mission from Tulloss for 10 years.
- 04/30/1978 Leased a store in O'Neill, NE for 17 years. Later became the GF Buche Co headquarters. It was in O'Neill where Greg Buche was instrumental in switching from longhand accounting to the computer age.
- 07/20/1983 Leased a store in Ainsworth, NE. Brad and Jeff Buche were the first managers. Store was closed in 1998.
- 11/14/1983 Gregory store was completely destroyed by an electrical fire.
- 07/04/1984 Gregory store re-opened in the same location.
- 04/16/1985 Leased a store in Chamberlain, SD and was sold in 1995. This location was managed by Pat O'Connell who had previously managed in Wagner for many years.
- 12/1986 Sold the Dog N Suds (Lunch Bucket) to Booms.
- 12/1987 Mitchell store was sold out.



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- 01/13/1990 Mission store was completely destroyed by a fire started by arson.
- 08/09/1990 Mission store re-opened in the same location.
- 05/16/1992 O'Neill, NE store was sold to Hinky Dinky.
- 12/01/1992 Purchased the hardware store in Mission from Val Tulloss. It was named Hardware Hank.
- 1994 GF Buche Co leased a local grocery store named Higgins IGA in North Sioux City, IA. Because the Buche name was not known in Iowa, the store was named Jamboree Foods, a license agreement of Fleming Foods who was the supplier of GF Buche Co at the time. The store was sold to Family Dollar in 2002.
- 1994 Gus Francis Buche was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame for Business. His son and second generation, Bob Buche Sr. accepted the award.
- 11/13/1994 Wagner store was completely destroyed by an electrical fire.
- 05/22/1995 Purchased and remodeled the Jamboree store in Sioux City, IA.
- 07/15/1995 Sold the Chamberlain, SD store.
- 08/01/1995 Wagner store re-opened after the fire.
- 1996 The Mission Hardware Hank location was converted to a new line of business for GF Buche Co. The Gus Stop convenience store, named after the founder of GF Buche Co, Gus Buche. The store was originally branded Texaco.
- 2000 GF Buche Co opened second convenience store in White River, SD. The store was originally branded Conoco.
- 2000 RF Buche, the fourth generation of Buche's becomes president of GF Buche Co.
- 2001 GF Buche Co purchases a location in Spencer, IA. Many stores in Iowa were using the "Jubilee" Fleming Foods license agreement so GF Buche was able to save some on advertising and name recognition. The store was called "Buche's Jubilee". Because GF Buche sold the Sioux City, IA location, they felt the Spencer location was out of their trade area. Consequently, this store was sold in 2003.

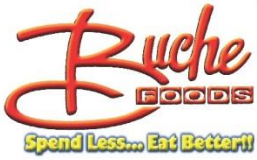


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- 7/1/2004 GF Buche Co finally came home. A “Gus Stop” convenience store was opened in Lake Andes and brand as a Sinclair.
- 2005 100 year celebrations were held in Wagner and Gregory. Four generations of Buche’s were on hand – Robert Sr., Robert Jr., RF and his daughter Molly.
- 2005 Named SBA Small Business of the Year.
- 2005 Gus Stop locations rebranded to Sinclair.
- 2005 The old Dog-n-Suds comes back home. The Booms building in Wagner was purchased across the street from the grocery store. It was named “Bob’s Liquor”. It had video lottery as well as off sale liquor.
- 2006 Bob’s Liquor was converted to a Gus Stop when pumps were added. The location had all bases covered with Godfather’s Pizza Express, fuel, off sale liquor, video lottery and convenience store items.
- 2006 All Gus Stop locations were de-branded from Sinclair.
- 2007 Completed a 5000 square foot addition to the Mission grocery store location. The expansion was done to the east putting the grocery store right up next to the Gus Stop. The addition allowed more room for grocery items and office space.
- 2007 Added Godfather’s Express to Gus Stop 1.
- 2007 Purchased Express 24 in Mission, SD. E24 is a pay at the pump only fuel station located on Main Street.
- 2008 Purchased Floral Impressions in Wagner and moved it into the newly remodeled Wagner Buche Foods. The remodel added approximately 4000 square feet and included a coffee (Beanz) and a Mexican (Mexi-go) concept. All grocery departments were expanded. Headquarter offices were moved into the old Floral Impressions building on Main Street.
- 2009 Added Mean Gene’s Grill to the Gus Stop in Lake Andes, SD.
- 2010 Buche Foods goes green and discontinues mailing out their weekly flyers. Barn Burner specials were born.



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- 2010 Added Mean Gene's Grill to the Gus Stops in Mission, Wagner and White River.
- 2010 Opened a satellite office in Sioux Falls.
- 2013 Buche Foods opens in Tripp, SD. The location was a grocery/convenience store concept.
- 2013 Purchased Gemar's Market in Tyndall, SD and re-opened as a Buche Foods.
- 2013 Mean Gene's Grills were converted to Grandma's Grill in all Gus Stop locations.
- 2014 Purchased Gemar's Market in Scotland, SD and re-opened as a Buche Foods.
- 2014 Opened a new concept store in Sioux Falls, SD named Buche's Bargain Butcher.
- 6/23/16 Sold the Scotland, Tripp and Tyndall locations.
- 3/2017 Scotland, Tripp and Tyndall locations were turned back over to GF Buche Co.
- 4/19/17 Opened Scotland, Tripp and Tyndall locations up as a Cost Plus store named CashSmart.
- 2/18 Sold Tyndall location to Tyndall Economic Development Organization.
- 4/26/18 Sold Tripp location to Tripp Economic Development Organization
- 9/30/18 Buche's Bargain Butcher closed.
- 11/9/18 Buche Foods awarded the contract for the Pine Ridge Grocery Store.
- 3/18/19 Buche Auto Parts in Pine Ridge opens.
- 4/9/19 Opening of Buche Foods and Buche Hardware in Pine Ridge.