

## Huize Bosslag

In Loil on the Bosslagstraat there is a beautiful white villa against the edge of the forest with the name 'Huize Bosslag', on which the year 1807 is attached. However, this location had already been built on a hundred years earlier. Because in 1722 the court protocols of the state archives in Arnhem already spoke of a house called 'Bosslach'. The Hottinger Atlas of 1783 also mentions 'Boslaeg'. Although the Schattenkerk family only lived there for a relatively short time, they are strongly connected to Huize Bosslag. See below.



The Cadastral Atlas Didam of 1832 shows that J.P.L.A. Gezelschap At the time, had many possessions in Didam, including nearly a hundred hectares of land. In Loil, for example, he also owned 'the inheritance and estate, called the Boschslag'. This consisted of a country house with farmland and meadows, heathland and a forest the size of twelve hectares. The entire 'Boschslag' was about fifteen hectares in size. Incidentally, Gezelschap originated from Doesburg and was a collector of state taxes by profession. In 1851 he had the entire 'Boschslag' estate auctioned. It came into the hands of Anthony Hendrik Büchler, a member of the Municipal Council of Doesburg and married to Anna Lange. After the death of Anthony Büchler, the 'Boschslag' in 1863 passed into the hands of his daughter Goverta Machtella and her husband Jacob Volkert Schattenkerk, who had married her in 1860. They continued to live in Doesburg, where Jacob Volkert earned his living as a book dealer and stock broker. At the time, the 'Boschslag' was leased by several families, including Hendrik Jansen and his family. He would later settle in the farm next to the 'Boschslag', which was purchased in 1905 by Jacob Volkert Schattenkerk.



*Jacob V. Schattenkerk (1830 – 1909) and Goverta M. Büchler (1831 - 1911)*

Jacob Volkert had planned in 1897 to have his grandfather, after whom he was named, reburied on the 'Bosslag' estate. His grandfather was 'old captain ter See', born in Amsterdam in 1773, died in 1841 in Praest Germany and buried in Emmerich. Jacob Volkert's request to the Didam mayor and aldermen was granted within three days and so it happened. The grave was dug and the remains were transported in a lead coffin from Emmerich to Loil, where they were buried on the Bosslag estate.

Jacob Volkert's only son, Charles Govert, was born in 1871. He studied law in Leiden and was appointed mayor of Herwen en Aerdt in 1900 without any administrative experience. In 1906 he married Thekla van Embden, daughter of a brick manufacturer, in Doesburg. He was the first Schattenkerk to actually live on the 'Bosslag', although it had been in their hands for almost sixty years. From 1920 to 1923 he lived there as mayor of Herwen and Aerdt, with the permission of the city council there.

Their daughters Cecile and Sara Harriet were born on the 'Bosslag'. In 1923 the family moved, forced or not, to Tolkamer-Lobith. In 1924, Charles Govert was promoted to mayor of Tiel, where he and his family also lived and their son Jacob Volkert was born in 1926.

After his retirement in 1946, Charles Govert wanted to enjoy their old age at the 'Bosslag' with his Thekla. This was only for a short time for them: Charles Govert died the same year, Thekla two years later. Both were buried in Doesburg. Their children were already living elsewhere at the time. They were only too happy to spend their holidays at the 'Bosslag'. From the late 1940s, the country house was partially rented out. Later, in 1965, the house was sold to the Tesser family, after having been owned by the Schattenkerk family for over a hundred years. The Teunissen family then lived in the building until 1997, and the Leitch family is now the proud owner. The grounds and the forest are still owned by the Schattenkerk family today.



Road from the Doesburgseweg and the grave monument



Thekla van Embden and Jacob G. Schattenkerk (1871 Doesburg- 1946 Didam)

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