

Johannes

Born ***Thursday, July 2nd, 1835***
Deceased ***Wednesday, December 18th, 1889***

Johannes was known as an extremely strong man, a bit 'cocky, sometimes stubborn and not very easy on himself.

He was a professional farmer / butcher, where agriculture was more designed to meet their own needs than to grow and sell. He was also the inkeeper in his own café and butchery at the Weerselosestraat in Borne, "De Bonte Koe". He also maintained relations with Austria, to where he exported bacon.

The story goes that he often had to transport meat and other agricultural products, of course by horse and carriage. It often happened that the horse simply refused to continue walking. In this case, Johannes would then become angry and attack the horse with the first bat he could find. But he was very good natured, would always be willing others where needed.

Unfortunately he deceased on Wednesday, December 18th, 1889 at the young age of 54 after suffering a heart attack. After his death his wife, Gezina Schopman, commenced drinking whereby the business slowly deteriorated. Eventually the business was sold to "Oude Meijers" who then sold it to "Eekers", who in turn resold to "Evers". Finally the building was refurbished and used as a dwelling for the family Evers.

"De Bonte Koe" can nowadays still be admired in the Weerselosestraat Borne.