

Emil von Holst



Emil von Holst was born at 4 Pittville Terrace in 1876. His parents were Adolphus von Holst and Clara Cox Lediard. He was the younger brother of Gustav von Holst.

Emil enjoyed playing practical jokes on his older brother and would sometimes move the time on the clock back during Gustav's hated violin practice, forcing him to practice for longer.

Emil attended Cheltenham Grammar School (now Pates Grammar School) and then went to work as a clerk in a wine-maker's office before becoming an actor, at which point he adapted the stage name 'Ernest Cossart'.

Emil acted on stage in Britain before moving to the US in 1908 and acting in shows on Broadway. He then moved into acting in Hollywood movies in the 1930s. He died in New York in 1951.