

Sky Top, Lake I



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Wants men  
orderer me for Depon  
Contracting Co. New York  
New York see Lang Kunst  
for N. Y. City ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> ~~mark~~ <sup>mark</sup>  
We have all 3 want eyes, men  
we in all beds. Viflyster  
alle smalt krog. Her to som  
i Nordmarken, dog se den pen  
smalge i marken. Men per  
Men i at

Hjort Alf [1244]  
 \* 18771012 Kristiania & 19050204 + 19441212 New York  
 F Hjort Johan Storm Aubert 18350410-19050306 \* Kristiania [1227]  
 M Falsen.Hjort Johanne Elisabeth BETTY 18491028-19220813 \* Kristiania [1218]  
 & Schutz Maria (Mia) Ernestine Maringh 18780618- \* Weiten Trier,Rhin [1265]  
 B1 Hjort Alfred 'Alf' 19070620- \* New York [1266]  
 Electrical engineer  
 Ref: Conrad Falsen: Slegten Falsen, Kristiania 1915 - s. 91 - VIIIId  
 Ref: [http://en.wikipedia.org/Alf\\_Hjort](http://en.wikipedia.org/Alf_Hjort)  
 Utdannet i Hannover, arbeidet i Berlin og London. Reiste i 1904 til  
 USA. Var i 1909 ved et tunnelbyggeri i USA (Sky Top,Lake Mohouk),  
 postkort fra ham til Danmark: Helene Gottlieb -> Kay H.Clausen ->  
 Enevold F. Ellis Island 1908: Arrival Nov 04, 1908 from Boulogne-sur-  
 Mer

Brev fra Kay H.Clausen - 08 02 1996

Alf Hjort senior ved jeg kun lidt om. Jeg ved at Alfs kone Mia var en tysk sangerinde. Det alene kunde på den tid skabe ikke så lidt problemer i et professorhjem.

Om det var årsagen til 'Flukten til Amerika' ved jeg ikke. Pudsigt nok var det blandt de billeder, Helen Gottlieb sendte mig for nylig vedlagte brevkort, sendt fra U.S.A. til min mormor, Elisabeth (Betty) Falsen, Hjort i 1909. Som det fremgår er det skrevet af en person, der arbejder ved et tunnelbyggeri og jeg er sikker på at Alf var ingeniør. Selvom underskriften er klippet af, må det være fra Alf.

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Kjæreste Mor

Arbejder nu for Degnon Contracting Co. New Paltz New York en lang tunnel for N.Y.City wandværk. Vi har alle 3 været syge, men nu er det bedre. Vi flytter alle snart herop. Her er som i Nordmarken, dog er der pene smaabyer i nærheden. Mere per brev ...

Ref: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alf\\_Hjort](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alf_Hjort) File: GEX1244B.TDD

Alf Hjort was born in Christiania, now Oslo, Norway. He was a younger brother of Norwegian oceanographer and marine zoologist Johan Hjort. Their parents were Johan S.A. Hjort, a professor of ophthalmology, and Elisabeth Falsen of the Falsen family. After graduating from Oslo Gymnasium, he went to Hannover in Germany to study mechanical and electrical engineering. After work periods in Berlin and London, Hjort came to the United States in 1904.[1]

Career: Alf Hjort played a leading part in the planning and building of New York City's vast traffic system, including the construction of underground and underwater railroad and car tunnels, as well as the extensions of the city's metropolitan subway system. Hjort was regarded as one of the outstanding authorities in the field of underwater tunnel construction.

From 1904 to 1909 he served as chief engineer of Pearson & Sons, one of the largest and best known contracting and construction firms at the time. Hjort's task was to oversee the planning and construction of the Pennsylvania Railroads Tunnels under the Hudson River, and the Long Island Railroad Tunnels under the East River. This was one of the greatest engineering and construction enterprises ever undertaken anywhere in the world up to that time.

After the completion of these projects, Hjort was engaged with the Degnon Contracting Company of New York City, in the task of building part of the Catskill Water Supply Project, which was used to supply New York City with water. In 1911, Hjort went to the Flinn Corporation of engineers and contractors, and served as this firm's chief engineer from 1929 to his death in New York during 1944. Under his watch a string of New York City Subway tunnel projects were planned and completed, e.g. the Battery-Brooklyn vehicular tunnel between the southern tip of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

In 1910, Hjort was among the founders of The American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York City. He also maintained close links to his native Norway during his 40 years in the United States.

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Sangerinde  
Ref: Conrad Falsen: Slegten Falsen, Kristiania 1915, s 92x  
Ref: <http://www.geni.com/> (Jo Eric von Koss)  
Jo Eric von Koss anger hennes namn som: Mariane 'Mia' de Maringh född i Strassburg
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Ellis Island Passenger Record: 1913: US Citizen. Last Place of Residence: N. York Arrival Oct 13, 1913 from Boulogne-sur-Mer. In 1922: Arrival Sep 11, 1922 with Stavangerfjord from Kristiania