Financial Empire Passes to Kingston's Children — Tax Free

Before John Ortell Kingston died, in 1987, he passed title to more than 60 parcels of commercial property, homes and land in Salt Lake, Davis and Carbon counties to corporations in which his children were officers. Kingston left his remaining estate, estimated at $70 million, to the Latter Day Church of Christ in Salt Lake City — free of any probate taxes. Nothing was set aside for the eight grown children from Kingston's legal wife, but none filed a claim for a share of the fortune their father conveyed to the church. However, all eight* became leaders in the church, which has access to Kingston's estate.

1980s
Before his death, Kingston conveys his assets to a number of companies.

1987
After his death, Kingston's remaining fortune goes to the church.

Among the Kingston assets is Mountain Coin, a machine distributor in Las Vegas**

Some photos are from high school yearbooks.

*Jason, 23, another of the children, was a minor when his father died.

**This is also the address for Latter Day Church of Christ in Nevada.

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