

Alison Jackson embroiled in row over £14m trust fund

Alison Jackson, the spoof photographer known for her lookalike pictures of celebrities, is embroiled in a row over a £14m trust fund set up by her late father.

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Jackson, 53, claims she is owed more than £500,000 and is seeking a High Court order to remove two men who were appointed as trustees of her estate.

She says the money owed to her has not been paid despite the fact the land owned by the trust was valued eight years ago at £13.87m and the trustees have at least £556,000 "without any obvious justification".

The photographer's elder brother Julian, 56, is also a beneficiary of the trust set up by her landowner father George Hulbert Mowbray-Jackson in 1972 .

However, Jackson claims that her brother, a widower who lives near Cirencester, has benefited more from the trust, according to the [Daily Mail](#). The writ states that she was forced to sell her house three years ago.

Jackson, who now lives in Chelsea, grew up at the family's Georgian estate in Hampshire until they were forced to move after the Government proposed the building of the M27 through their land.

They subsequently bought a converted 11th-century monastery, complete with its own chapel and network of secret tunnels.

Jackson's career began in TV production but she rose to fame as a spoof photographer after creating an image of Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed and "their" mixed-race baby while in her final term at the Royal College of Art in 1999.

Since then, she has earned a Bafta for her BBC Two series *Double Take*, and her work sells for hundreds of thousands of pounds, and is exhibited everywhere from the Tate Modern to the Centre Pompidou in Paris.

When asked about the High Court action, one of the estate's trustees said: "I never comment on anything to do with my professional career. I leave that to the judge."