

Five Dollar Throckmorton

The history of Mill Valley began
With a few honest men
And one wasn't like the rest
California was Mexico then
And the land was really cheap
But one man put himself above the rest,
He's

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A money craving creep.

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William Antonio Richardson
He was granted a Rancho
He never had a single enemy
He founded Sausalito

When Richardson died
Throckmorton tricked his kids
He said the land was worth little dough
But Throckmorton lied
He turned a profit in time
And so his nickname shows, he's

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John Thomas Reed
started the sawmill
that gave Mill Valley it's name
And Joseph Eastland
helped develop the town
But one guy, played a different game,
he's

In the end, Samuel Reading
Throckmorton lost all his money
When the bank foreclosed on his land
There are some honest men
In the founding of this town
And a trickster with a greedy hand