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Lightfoot is a collection of stories about Thomas Claude Lightfoot, a pioneer who was born in 1893 in San Antonio, Florida, a community about twenty-five miles north of Tampa in Pasco
County. He moved at an early age to a homestead of 160 acres near Tampa in what is now Temple Terrace. He and his family later moved to Sarasota.

The booklet is arranged into twenty-four chapters which cover the various episodes in the life of Thomas Lightfoot. As of 1976, when the booklet was written, Thomas and his wife Mary celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The episodes are based upon conversations with Thomas Lightfoot, materials gleaned from several Sarasota newspapers, and from Karl Grismer's book, *Story of Sarasota*. The chapters not only cover the career of Lightfoot, but major events in Florida history are mentioned which fill in the background of life in Florida before the turn of the century. Hunting and fishing trips were a part of any boy's life - but some adventures with chewing tobacco, panthers in the cypress and wild parakeets in the plum trees set these stories apart.

Lightfoot follows in the same vein as the Foxfire Books, in recounting the life of the frontier, when most of the necessities of life were produced on the farm. Anyone interested in this era will find a pleasant evening of entertainment here.

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