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The community of Limona in rural Hillsborough County joined in the commemorative marking of historical sites and events on Dec. 28, 1989, dedicating a marker on Lakewood Drive to the founding of the settlement on January 12, 1876.

Dick Stowers was master of ceremonies for the ceremony. Tony Pizzo, founding president of the Tampa Historical Society, and Hampton Dunn, president of the Florida Historical Society, spoke briefly.

The marker reads:

“Lakewood Drive, part of old Seminole Indian trails, led to Fort Brooke and "Pease Creek." In 1878 Judge Joseph Gillette Knapp of Wis. settled and named Limona after citrus trees left by the Spanish. In 1877 the Elgin Watch Co. formed Limona Park Ass'n. for a winter retreat. Surveyor E. E. Pratt wrote the land was 'best in Florida...high, dry ... beautiful lakes ... clear, soft water.' Knapp established this cemetery, a church, school and in 1878 a post office. In 1881 he proposed Tampa Historical Society.”

AFTER DEDICATION
…Dorothy Coe Townsend, left, and Hilda Hampton.
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