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THESE notes concern an early New England settler, hitherto untraced. THOMAS LEVET was perhaps born at Melton, near Doncaster in Yorkshire. This neighborhood is distinguished by its nearness to Austerfield and Scrooby, the first English gathering places of the Mayflower Pilgrims. His early life may have been spent with an uncle, Ralph Levett of Grainsby in Lincolnshire, near Willoughby, the birthplace of the romantic Captain John Smith, that Paladin of early New England explorers. Unquestionably THOMAS LEVET came under the influence of John Wheelwright and Anna Hutchinson, and perhaps of Sir Harry Vane and John Cotton, four types of a Puritanism broader than that of Winthrop's colony.

Thus the life of THOMAS LEVET, in itself unimportant, was interwoven with the world-movements of the seventeenth century. It is to be hoped that some future historian will write in detail the lives of all the members of Wheelwright's brave Combination, and will clear up many passages at present doubtful.

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