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regretted not having been a chemist) John
Whitlock took it over. I remember him
 well, as a man of perhaps 40-50 when I
 was a child (I am now in my early 80's).
 He was slightly ginger haired & bearded, &
 I would say very precise in manner.
 He had 3 children, 2 of about my own age -
 2 boys and a girl. One of the boys - I
 think the elder - went abroad (I don't
 know where) and Katie joined him until
 I think she married ^{WLS} Leslie took over
 the business or or before his father died,
 and I would say did very well. It
 changed its character - became much
 more on the side of agricultural implements
 and then very largely Ford agents. I would
 say that Leslie became very confident
 off. He died I should think some 8 or
 10 years ago, at least, leaving a widow
 and 3 married daughters.

About 3 years ago I called to

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Dear Mr Whitlock,

In case it is of any help to you,
 I will tell you what I know of the
 Whitlock family in N. Devon. They?
 as far as I know, they are in no way
 related to me.

My mother was the younger
 daughter of John Russell Batten of
 Stollworthy. My grandfather's father
 - Thomas Jago Batten was "General and
 Furnishing Ironmonger, Corn & Seed
 Merchant" there, Estab^d 1837, and on
 his death, my grandfather took over
 the business, his chief assistant being
John Whitlock who came from Langtree.
 On my grandfather's early retirement (he
 disliked the business, having always

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see Mrs Whitlock when I passed through
Helsworthy on my way to Cornwall. She
was then living alone in a very pleasant
bungalow on the outskirts of the town.

Again I passed through Helsworthy a
week ago, and enquired for Mrs Whitlock
(she had been rather shaky when I
last seen her) to be told that she was
now living with one of her daughters
- "up country". Where I do not know.

If you should wish to contact her, I
would suggest that you write to the
Senior Methodist Minister, Helsworthy
Circuit, for her address. The Whitlocks -
as my own family - were strong
non-conformists, and I feel sure
he would know where she now is.

Yours sincerely
(Miss) D. B. Laker
