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1       Jessie Haas revisits the Westminster Massacre of 1775 at  
2 ByWay Books

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5       On Saturday, March 14, at 3 p.m., ByWay Books &  
6 More, 399 Canal St., will host Jessie Haas, author of *Dearest*  
7 *Blood: A Romance of the Revolution*, published last year.

8       This historical novel is a well-documented story of Fanny  
9 Montresor, a young woman whose fate was determined by an  
10 approaching war, the politics rousing the insurrection between

11 New York and Massachusetts, and her impending romance with  
12 Ethan Allen.

13 In 1777, at the Westminister County courthouse, citizens  
14 declared Vermont to be a free and independent republic, and it  
15 maintained this status until it became the 14th state of the United  
16 States in 1791. This speaks to the independent and resilient spirit  
17 of Vermonters.

18 Ethan Allen, a Revolutionary War hero, spearheaded The  
19 Green Mountain Boys and fought for the people and the state  
20 with a focus on helping Vermont gain independence. *Dearest  
21 Blood* brings the courtship of Fanny and Ethan into focus amid  
22 the politics which brings them together. It also chronicles the lead  
23 up to and aftermath of the Westminister Massacre of March 1775,  
24 considered by some to be the first blood shed of the American  
25 Revolution.

26 Haas is the current president of the Westminister  
27 Historical Society. Her other books on Westminister history  
28 include *Revolutionary Westminister* and *Westminister, Vermont  
29 1783–2000: Township Number One*. She is an avid equestrian  
30 and has written several books on horses, among them, *Horse-  
31 Lover’s Encyclopedia*, published by Storey Publishing, and a  
32 children’s series, *Bramble and Maggie*, published by Candlewick  
33 Press. All told, Haas has authored more than 40 award-winning  
34 books for children and adults. Haas grew up in and still resides in  
35 Westminister.

36 There’ll be a special 10% author event discount applied  
37 to the purchase of *Dearest Blood*. For more information, contact  
38 ByWay Books & More at 802-490-8014,  
39 [contact@bywaybooks.co](mailto:contact@bywaybooks.co), or visit [bywaybooks.co](http://bywaybooks.co).

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