

O! Horrid Scene! - Ira Allen

# Westminster Massacre

- Considered the First Bloodshed of the American Revolution by Many -

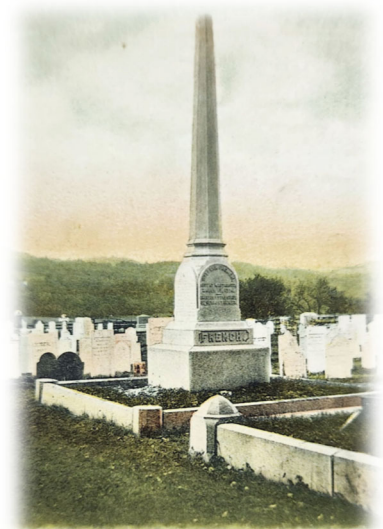
## 250th Anniversary Commemoration

→ **March 13-15, 2025** ←

On the King's Highway

## Westminster, Vermont

- ⇒ **March 13**, Thursday between **3:00 and 4:00**, Gathering at the house site of Azariah Wright, (4585 US Route 5, corner of Sand Hill Road) and walk to the Cemetery. The Whigs gathered at Wright's about 4:00, took a stick of firewood from his woodpile and then walked  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles up to the Court-house and occupied it. Unarmed William French was killed by gunfire that evening. We will reenact that fateful walk.
- ⇒ **March 14**, Friday, **4:00**. Gathering at the Court-house site as marked by the DAR monument on Shattuck Road, celebrating the non-violent retaking of the courthouse. New York and British control were ousted from current Eastern Vermont, five weeks before Paul Revere's ride. Our Westminster Massacre museum exhibit the will open at **3:00**.
- ⇒ **March 15**, Saturday, **7:00 pm** at dusk. Candlelight vigil at young William French's grave site on the anniversary of his well-attended burial. The museum will open at **6:00pm** with refreshments and our Massacre exhibit. Parking is behind the Post Office, roughly across the road from the Town Hall museum.



Monument of William French, the first martyr of the Revolution. Westminster, Vt.

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more info:

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