



The State Houses: Time may Pass, but Legacy Will Remain

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The picture on the top is the Old Colonial State House. I took this picture in the summer of 2019 when I visited Boston. As we can see from this picture, the old State House solemnly stands in the street along with several modern buildings and remains intact and shiny over the years. Indeed, it's not only one of the oldest buildings in Boston, but it also experienced the American Revolution and witnessed the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence. The Old Colonial State House, like a respected elder, sees the change and the growth of the city and leaves the legacy to encourage its people to never yield down to inequality and fearlessly fight for what they believe.

As time went on, when the Old Massachusetts State House retired, the new State House on Beacon Hill takes over its job and protects its people. The second picture is a screen capture of the current Massachusetts State House. It was with red walls and a gold-covered dome designed by Charles Bulfinch. Not only the design of red walls of the buildings inherited from the Old State House, but the spirit also remains unchanged. Specifically, it continues to be the place for citizens to seek justice and fight for equality. Protests still take place frequently outside the Massachusetts State House. So, even though time has passed and location has changed over the years, the State House remains the place for people to fight for their own rights which is a precious legacy that inherited. This legacy helps promotes society to become a better place.

