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An Old Landmark of Boston.

One of the most interesting and well preserved landmarks of Boston, is the Old South Church.

The church is built on the corner of the estate of John Winthrop, which included the land on Malborough Street, from MilkSt to Spring Lane.

Washington Street between School and Summer Streets, in the early history of Boston, was called Malborough Street.

The history of the church may be given in a few words, which were inscribed on a tablet placed in front of the church, so that, as the people said, every one might learn it as they run.

The Old South Church was gathered	1669
First House built	1670
This House erected	1729
Desecrated by British Troops.	1775-6

It is called the richest church society but one in this country, although it stands deserted by residences, in the midst of the business district of the city. Besides being

rich financially, it is rich historically. For
looking at the records we find, that
Benjamin Franklin was baptized in the first
church, in the present building, the famous
"tea party" met. Great speeches and orations
have been delivered here, by equally great
men, as Hancock, Warren, and Trull; and
how Bury's troops set up a riding-
school in the church, is known by all.

The church is built of brick, painted, and
if careful notice is taken, it will be seen
that the bricks are laid, alternately, side-wise
and end-wise, a number of the other old
churches in Boston, such as the Park Street
Church, are built in the same manner.

The interior of the church has
not been changed very much, since erec-
tion. It was one of the last to retain
the square pews, the elevated pulpit
and sounding board. The upper gal-
ley has been altered a little, the old
organ replaced by a new one, and the
ceiling slightly decorated.

When first erected, there were a
number of trees ~~surrounding~~ ^{around} it, but
now only one remains on Third Street.
It seems very pleasant to have
such an historical landmark, made

such good use of, by holding historical exhibitions there, and also exhibitions of inventions.

The removal or destruction has for a number of years been talked upon, and ^{now} ~~as~~ every other relic it will probably be destroyed.

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