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THE GEORGIA MARBLE COMPANY
PRODUCERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF
GEORGIA MARBLE
TATE, GEORGIA

The contract for extending and rebuilding the East Front of the capitol in Washington was awarded to the Georgia Marble Company on September 11, 1958 with the understanding that it would be completed for the inauguration of the new President in January of 1961. By working around the clock, 7 days a week, all of the work was completed in time for the inauguration, in fact, it took one year and nine months to make shop tickets and drawings, quarry and fabricate the marble and get it on its way to Washington. The marble work was completed in May, 1960. The remarkable thing about this feat was that each piece of marble had to be an exact reproduction of the original hand processed sand stone it was to replace and there were approximately 6 thousand, 6 hundred pieces - 76 thousand cubic feet of marble weighing approximately 6,840 tons - or 13 million, six hundred and eighty thousand pounds at the approximate cost of \$40. per cubic foot.