

### **Marble for the Washington Monument**

In 1836, William Harp and his brothers, Elijah and Samuel, with Peter Bellah quarried a large block of marble at Marble City by drilling and wedging. They put the marble on a log wagon and, with ten yoke of oxen to pull it, moved it 60 miles across the Boston Mountains to the Arkansas River near Clarksville, where it was shipped to Washington, D.C. The block of marble (with "Arkansas" chiseled on it), along with other memorial stones, is located on the 30 foot level of the Washington Monument.

#### **Marlene Wolverton**

You can see this marker on the west side of Highway 7 between Jasper and Harrison. The marker reads: "This marker commemorates the Arkansas marble in Washington's Monument taken by Beller and Harp Bros. from this hill in 1836. This marker erected 1954 by Newton Co. History Society -- W.F. Lackey Pres. Wanda Hickman Sec."