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I would first like to thank you for your interest in our National Parks and Natchez National Historical Park. Natchez NHP is a relatively new park in the National Park Service, established in 1988 to preserve and interpret the history of Natchez, Mississippi. The park has three sites that span a period from 1716 to 1900.

Fort Rosalie was established on the Mississippi River in 1716 by the French, and later occupied by the English, Spanish, and finally the Americans. The park is still in the process of acquiring land for the site; the fort no longer stands. Archeological surveys will be completed in the future to determine what evidence remains underground. The site is not yet open to the public.

The William Johnson house is a townhouse in downtown Natchez built and owned by a free person of color named William Johnson. Freed at the age of eleven, William Johnson made his living as a barber, owning three shops in Natchez. Johnson kept an extensive 2000-page diary of his life, business, and the happenings and gossip in Natchez. The William Johnson House is open to the public seven days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is FREE!

Melrose is one of over fifteen antebellum estates in Natchez that depicts the life of the wealthy planter class before the Civil War as well as the lives of the slaves which that lifestyle depended upon. The 79-acres are open to the public seven days a week from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Tours of the mansion are every hour on the hour from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission onto the grounds is FREE, but there is a fee for a guided mansion tour. Fees are \$8 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens over 62 and children 6 - 17. Children under 6 are FREE. We also offer a group rate of \$7 per person for groups of 13 or more. Please call for more information on advanced group reservations.

We offer special programs throughout the year, such as downtown walking tours and living history. You can get updates at our web-site (www.nps.gov/natc). If you would like more information on events in Natchez please visit the city web site (www.cityofnatchez.com).

I have enclosed information about Natchez National Historical Park. If there is anything else we can help you with; please contact us at the above or below address. We hope to see you soon. Once again, thank you for your interest in one of our National Parks, Natchez National Historical Park.

Sincerely,

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