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Summary Information

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This fascinating account of the Natchez was written in 1840 and appears to convey oral history of the time. The author begins by stating “it was with extreme difficulty we succeeded in procuring the information.” The document is approximately 135 pages long and touches on the Natchez history and their “manners, customs, [and] traditions.” The focus of the document is on their history, however, and much of the content was relayed to the author orally by the Natchez. There is an extended discussion

of their beliefs and practices. The document contains biographical data on prominent members of the Natchez and other native peoples, such as Pushmataha.