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	-in-the-Prairie			
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	s-in-the-Prairie			
LOCATION				
STREET & NUMBER	C.R.			
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CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRI	ІСТ
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John's-In-The-Prairie is a one story rectangular board and batten structure with pointed arch windows and doorways.

The roofline consists of a sloping line which starts at one angle and then continues at a different angle creating a soaring effect emphasized by the vertical battens and the three windows of the facade. Two windows located on either side of the entrance are extremely narrow, but the window above the entrance is of a standard pointed arch size.

The narthex roofline is straight but flairs slightly at the eave line reflecting the roofline of the central portion of the church.

A pointed arch forms the entrance of the narthex. The wall within this section of the facade is faced with horizontal siding. The entrance door is in the form of a truncated drawn curtain arch framed with simple wooden molding following the shape of the door.

A unique feature of the church is a side entrance located on the right which is similar to the narthex.

Side windows of the nave are all pointed arch designs.

The interior has pointed arches to support the peaked roof which is painted blue with gold stars. The chancel windows are a grouping of three pointed arch windows.

A vestry room with a roofline lower in height than the main body of the church is located on the left. A pointed arch door leads to the outside.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AR	EAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	ECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X.1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1859

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. John's-In-The-Prairie at Forkland, Alabama, is an excellently proportioned, small, rural Gothic church which has been attributed to Richard Upjohn. The church has several features which make it unique among the Protestant Episcopal churches of Alabama. The curved roofline, found in none of the other churches, serves to make the building more Gothic in feeling. A covered side entrance similar to the narthex is also unique.

Traditionally the church has been attributed to Richard Upjohn, but documentary evidence is lacking.

The church was originally erected nine miles southwest of Greensboro where it was known as St. John's-In-The-Prairie. In 1870, the building was moved to Forkland, and in 1878-9 it was re-erected at Forkland.

The building was constructed in 1859. Bishop Cobb stated in his 'Bishop's Address' in 1858 that the old building was in a very dilapidated condition, but efforts were being made for the erection of a new building.

In 1859 Reverend Francis R. Hanson reported that nearly \$2,500 has been raised to build a new church, and that "a contract had been entered into with a carpenter to erect on the site of the old church a neat Gothic building which should be ready for consecration within a few months."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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