



J.B. LITTLE BRICKYARD HOUSE

10004 - 90 STREET NW

CITY OF EDMONTON
HISTORIC RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Edmonton

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The J.B. Little Brickyard House is a two-storey brick structure with a central gable roof and shed roof additions. It is located on an irregularly shaped lot on a residential street in the neighbourhood of Riverdale.

HERITAGE VALUE

Constructed circa 1905, The J.B. Little Brickyard House is located on the former site of the J.B. Little and Sons Brickyard on the river valley flats in what is now the neighbourhood of Riverdale.

The J. B. Little Brickyard House is significant for its association with early use of the river valley as an area of industrial development. J.B. Little and Sons Brickyard was operated by the Little family from 1892 until 1990. A great number of industries were once situated on the flats of the North Saskatchewan River, but few traces of these activities remain. The J.B. Little Brickyard House serves as a reminder of the changing use of the river valley in Riverdale from an area of industrial development to a residential neighborhood.

The J.B. Little Brickyard house is significant for its association with the Little family, a prominent entrepreneurial family during Edmonton's early history, who inhabited the house for four generations. The Little family was one of Edmonton's leading and longest-standing manufacturers of bricks and were significant figures in Edmonton's building industry. The Little family had a long history of community involvement in Riverdale and made a significant contribution to the community's development over multiple generations.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The modest, utilitarian design of the J.B. Little Brickyard House is expressed in character defining elements such as:

- + form scale and massing;
- + central gable roof with shed roof additions;
- + structure constructed of bricks manufactured at the J.B. Little brickyard;
- + steps and landing constructed of brick;
- + style, pattern and construction of all windows and doors;
- + brick detailing over some window openings;
- + wood fascia and soffit boards; and
- + brick chimney.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 17922 in April 2017.

