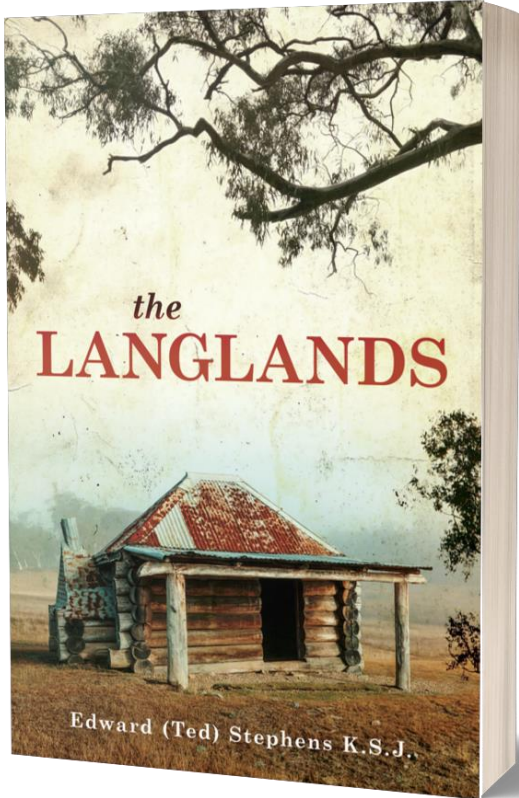


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IN 1840 ROBERT LANGLANDS, A YOUNG SCOTTISH MAN TOOK A HUGE STEP FOR LOVE AND LEFT HIS FAMILY TO EMBARK ON A ROMANTIC ESCAPE ACROSS THE OCEAN...

He shocked his family by deciding to pursue his lady friend who had been deported to Australia for a minor misdemeanour.

After arriving in Melbourne, Robert immediately set off to Sydney to ask his girlfriend, Agnes, to marry him.

Robert's brother, George and his wife Betsy, during his leave, and having fallen on hard times, had become interested in an offer to start a Post Office in Western Victoria.

So, they loaded their five children (including Ted's future grandmother Margaret, at age six) on board three bullock drays and set off to find a survey peg 300 miles away on the Wimmera River marked as "A place to be called Horsham".

Robert set up a foundry in Flinders St in 1841 which thrived and Horsham grew around the Langlands store.

The rest, as you will discover in this book, is wonderful history...

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Ted is a retired farmer who grew up on the land working with his elderly father. Ted's childhood was filled with stories of the early days of Victoria and the families his father knew. He has spent the last thirty years writing the stories of these people, culminating in this, his latest work, *The Langlands*. Ted has a second book *The Ormonds of Borriyalloak* coming in 2024.

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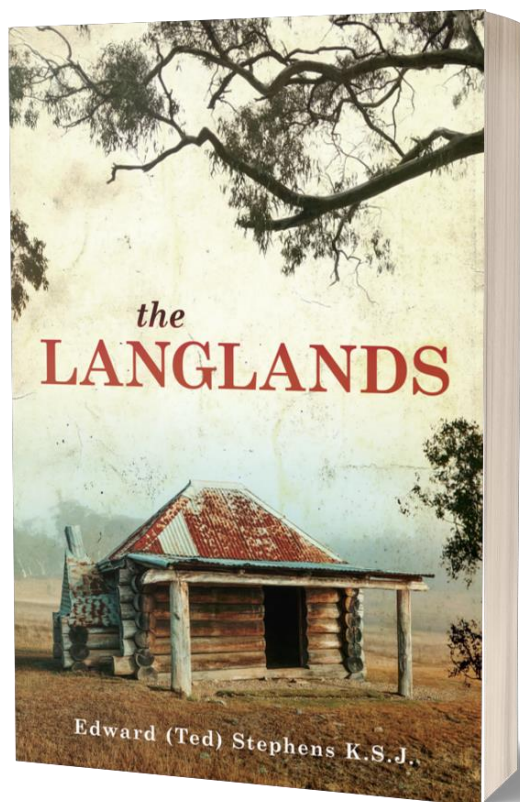
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHAT WAS THE JOURNEY LIKE TO WRITING *THE LANGLANDS*?

I suppose I completed decades worth of research in preparation of writing this book. I utilise sources such as Trove, Ancestry.com and as many personal records as I have available, using Google as a backup.

Depending on what else I had to do I could often spend as much as twelve hours a day writing.

Mostly I was inspired by my father's stories but found that through the process of writing this book I met members of my family I did not know before and this made it an interesting journey also.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST REALISE YOU WANTED TO WRITE?

I wrote a poem when I was three which created a stir in the family.

Kittens grow into cats,

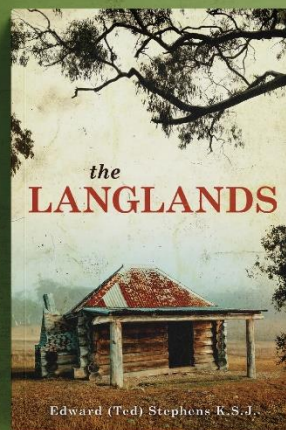
cats have kittens,

they grow into cats,

and they have kittens,

and so it goes on.

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