

200 YEARS OF CHANGE ON THE SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND COAST

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Smith and Jackson (1990) consider that any evidence of coastline change 'tenuous and very clouded as it may, be must certainly be better than nothing at all'. Coastal history provides some opportunities to fill the time gap between geomorphic research and recent aerial photography that provides 50 years of hard data used as the basis for many coastal studies. Examination of the period from early European settlement (late 1700's) to 1940 provides insights into coastal behaviour and climate. Two examples are discussed. The records of Oxley's 1823 survey voyage to Port Curtis and Moreton Bay; and the sequence of events that led to the opening of Juminpin forming North and South Stradbroke Islands.