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An Additional Note on Howard K. Gloyd

[Editor's note: By pure coincidence the following informal note, dated 7 September 1990, was sent to the editors of the *Bulletin* while the above article was in preparation. The note, accompanied by a photocopy of the 1926 Hisaw and Gloyd paper referenced above, was sent by CHS member Jack Joy, who has enjoyed a long and successful career in the zoo field.]

Dr. Gloyd gave me this paper in about 1936 while Paul Anderson (author, *The Reptiles of Missouri*) and I were visiting Ed Taylor at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence.

Howard was teaching zoology at a small college in eastern Kansas then. After he retired from the Chicago Academy of Sciences he made frequent visits to Dallas... He used to come to the Dallas Zoo and as General Curator I used to show him around and got to spend some time with him. I was amazed at his interest and knowledge of birds despite his lifetime as a herpetologist. We had representatives of all the ratites (except the kiwi) including three of the four species of cassowaries. These held special interest to him and he would usually want to see them before going to the Reptile House.

His interest in herpetology was logical since he was originally from DeSoto, Kansas, then a wide place on a two-lane red brick (not yellow) road about halfway between Kansas City, Missouri, and Lawrence, Kansas. My reptile collection partner, Philip Jenkins, was a year or two ahead of me in school and attended K.U. Some spring weekends we would

hitchhike (car ownership was not too common during the depression) from each end on Friday evenings—meet in DeSoto, sleep in the woods and collect on Saturday. One cool, cloudy day in late April in the late 30's we found some 286 reptiles of almost all of the local species from that region. There were, of course, numerous *Diadophis*, *Carphophis*, *Tantilla* and *Eumeces* but there were timber rattlesnakes, about 35 copperheads, a breeding pair of 6½ ft bullsnakes, red milksnakes, etc., etc.

I stopped by the DeSoto area after returning from WW II and found most of the beautiful habitat gone. They had built a defense factory (ammo) there during the war. I haven't been back since but I suspect that Dr. Gloyd's home town is now a suburb of Kansas City.

I meant this to be a short note and thought that some of your younger readers/members might be interested to know that there were people like Gloyd and Hisaw who were interested in biological controls and ecology way back in 1926...