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**Biographical Sketch:** The Chicago Herpetological Society was founded in Chicago in 1966. The mission of the society is “to educate the general public about these frequently misunderstood animals, promote conservation of all wildlife, especially reptiles and amphibians, and to encourage cooperation between amateur and professional herpetologists toward a broader and deeper knowledge of this fascinating

field.” The Chicago Herpetological Society still holds meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

**Scope and Content:** The contents of this collection are part of the institutional records of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Content include attendance figures for the Chicago Herpetological Society meetings; the society’s by-laws; lists of society members; a membership handbook for the society; a 1976 newsletter; and an announcement for the publication of “North American Herpetology” by John Edwards Holbrook.

**Container List:**

Affiliated Societies, Box 1

- Series 1: Chicago Herpetological Society – Correspondence (1971)
- Series 2: Chicago Herpetological Society – Printed Materials – General (1976, undated)
- Series 3: Chicago Herpetological Society – Printed Materials – By-Laws (1976)
- Series 4: Chicago Herpetological Society – Printed Materials – Lists (1976-1985)
- Series 5: Chicago Herpetological Society – Printed Materials – Member’s Handbook (1976-1977, undated)
- Series 6: Chicago Herpetological Society – Printed Materials – Newsletter (1976)