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( 1898-114019. )

*J. F. R.*  
*A. H. D.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 14, 1898.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

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Conception Gonzales. :  
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Lapsed proof returned for  
action thereon by R. & R.

Register and Receiver,

Tucson, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Conception Gonzales made homestead entry No. 1140,  
October 20, 1888, for the ~~SE 1/4~~ Sec. 24, T. 12 S., R. 18 E., Gila  
and Salt River Mer.

October 28, 1898, the register transmitted the lapsed  
final proof, which was submitted before your office on June  
16, 1898, for the consideration of this office.

The claimant furnished an affidavit which shows that  
he did not submit his proof in time, because of ignorance of  
the law. No explanation by your office is offered respecting  
the long delay in acting on the case.

The papers are herewith returned for the action of  
your office as instructed by letter "C" Sept. 26, 1898, in the  
case of Juan Cruz.

Very respectfully,

*Binger Hermann*  
Commissioner

Exhibit 23.1