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I homesteaded in southwestern Nebraska about 53 years ago. We went to land office in North Platte, Nebraska and got the papers filed. There was 5 of us looking for claims and sent to North Platte to see what land was free. We located on the prairies. The way we layed out out plans we had to get a corner that the surveyor had surveyed. We took our wagons and put a rag on the hind-wheel, had a compass to direct us straight south. We measured the size of the wheel of the wagon and then used a compass to go straight south and then counted the revolutions of the wheel to make 2 miles. We worked the spot where we ran to. We went east one mile and from that corner there was 8 quarter sections that you got from going east, then we went 1 mile west. There was two of us located. We had a timber right and a homestead right. We worked the corner 1 mile west. We worked 4 claims and marked the corner.