



Logging operations in Northern Minnesota

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ALBUM 1975

Down: Field 1977.

LIGHT IMPRESSIONS
TOP LOADERS



WILLIAM F. ROLEFF

Master Photographer

1873 - 1943

William F. Roleff was born in Menomonie, Wisconsin on March 4, 1873 of German parentage.

William's father migrated to the United States in 1870 from Quadrath, District of Köln, and his mother from Brestlaw.

As a young man, William learned and practiced the Barbering trade. In 1898, he moved to Two Harbors, Minnesota, where he went to work in the Halliday Barber Shop.

On February 12, 1900 he married Josephine Therrien, oldest daughter of one of the first pioneers to settle in the town that was to become Two Harbors. From this marriage there were eight children, the first boy and girl dying in infancy.

An extreme interest in photography and a strong desire to master it drove William to spend all his spare time studying and practicing the craft. He was self-taught.

It was during the years 1912 through 1916 that the major number of logging photos were made. He would travel on the D&IR Railway or the D&NM Logging Railway as near as possible to the lumber camps. Then he would load his gear - $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ view camera, tripod, holders, extra glass plates and flash powder equipment - on a toboggan and hike through the woods the rest of the way.

In 1923, the Duluth News Tribune wrote and requested him to join their news photo staff. So at age 50 he started a new career as a newspaper photographer.

Over the years, William became known by his peers as 'One Shot Bill'. His philosophy was "Why make two exposures of a subject when one will do it". He actually never failed.

In 1942, after a successful career with both the Duluth News Tribune and the Duluth Herald, he retired at age 69. He left a legacy of beautiful and quality photographs.

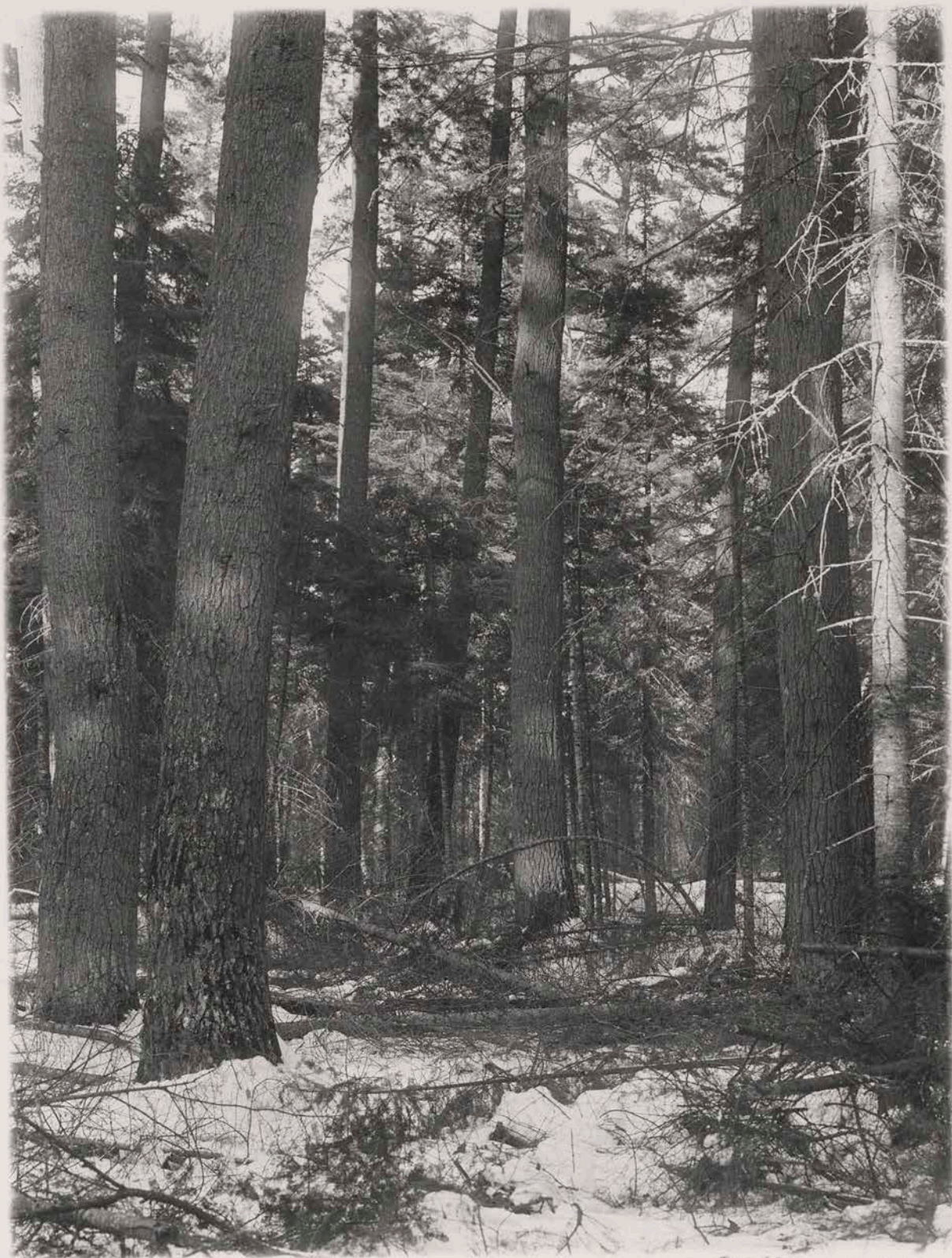
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Two Harbors, Minn.

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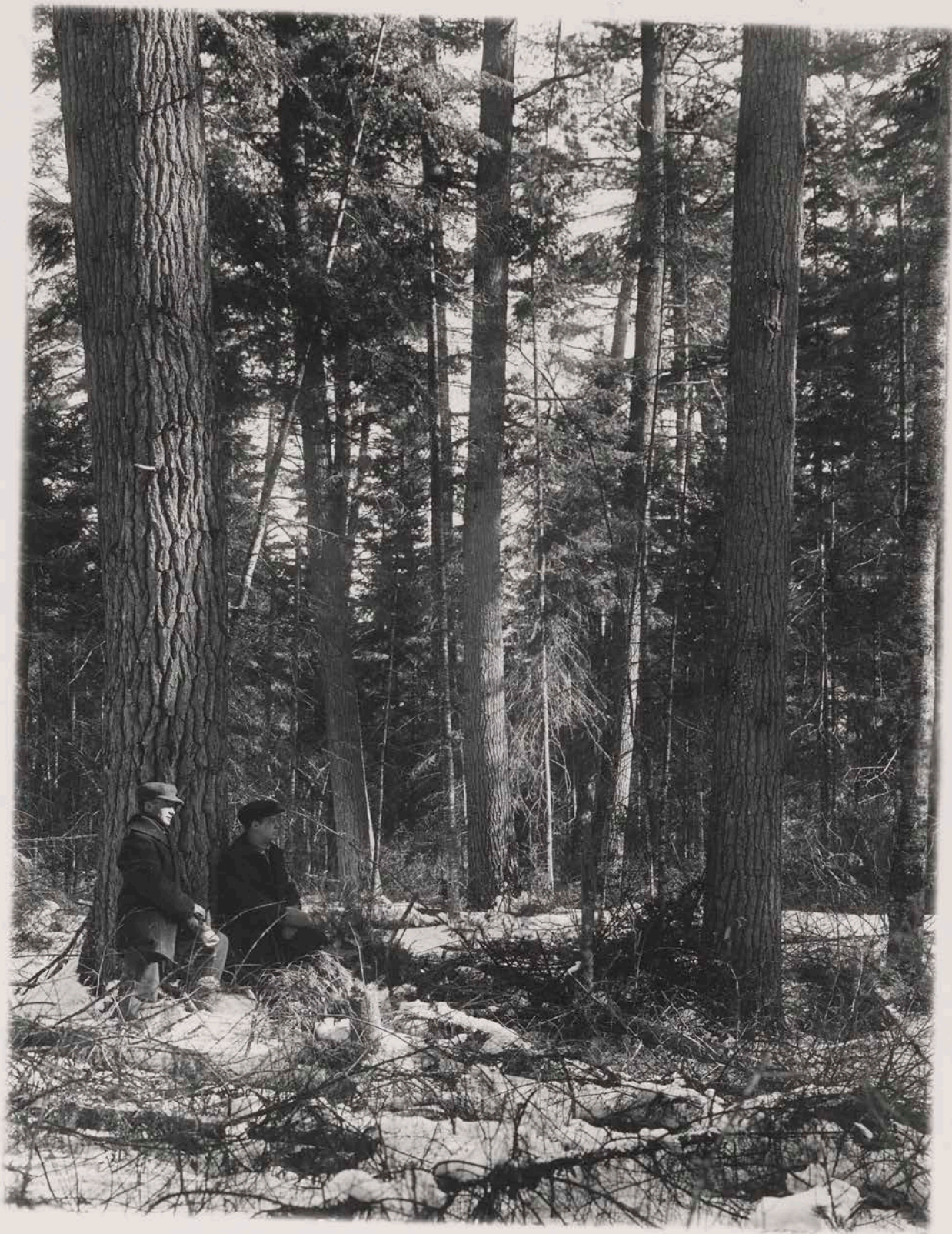
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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.

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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.



ALGER SMITH & CO. DEC. 29, 1910.
LAKE CO. MINN. PHOTO BY ROBERT

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DOOR CO. MINN. 1918 PHOTO. BY ROLEFF



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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.



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William Roleff
Two Harbors, Minn.

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William Rol-ff
Two Harbors, Minn.

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COOK CO. MINN. 1918 PHOTO. BY ROLEFF

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COOK CO. MINN. 1918

PHOTO. BY ROLEFF



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OLIVER I. M. CO. CAMP NO. 16 20-12 1912. ROLEFF.

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William Ralsff
Two Harbors, Minn.



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William Roleff
Two Harbors, Minn.



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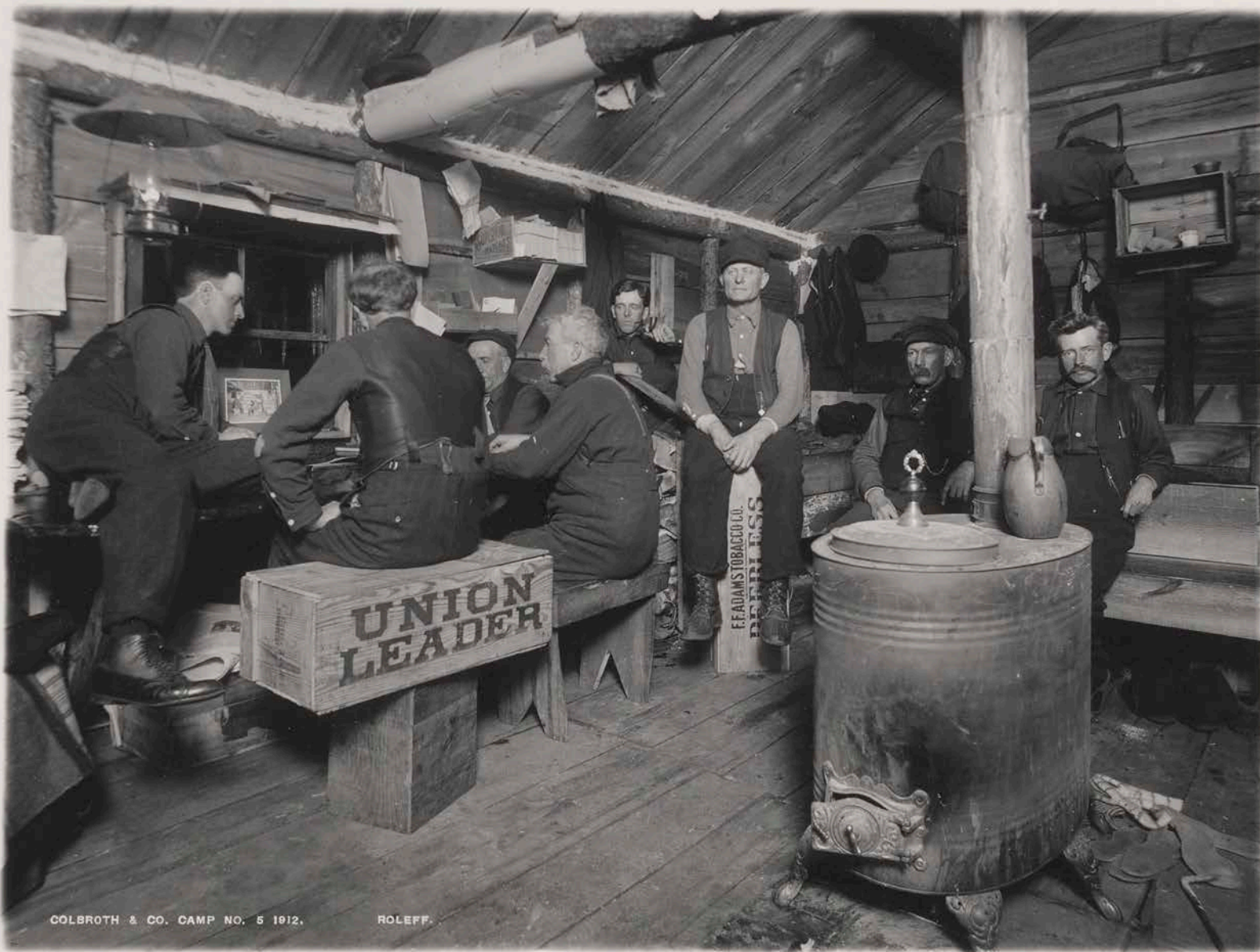


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Two Harbors, Minn.

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William Roleff
Two Harbors, Minn.



William Roloff
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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.



William Roloff
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William Rabeff
Two Harbors, Minn.

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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.



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William Robb
Two Harbors, Minn.

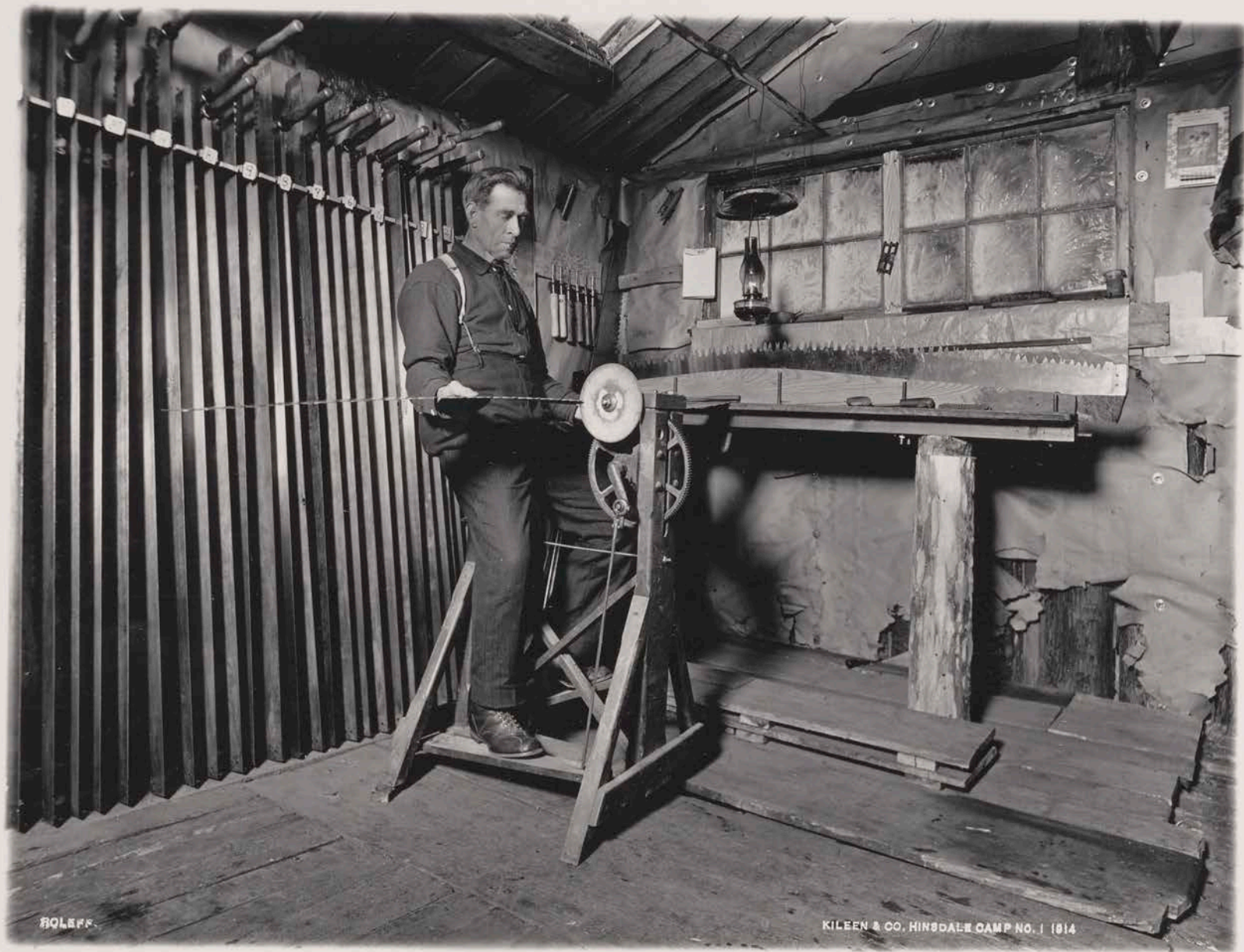


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Two Harbors, Minn.

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William Roleff
Two Harbors, Minn.



William Roleff
Two Harbors, Minn.

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Two Harbors, Minn.

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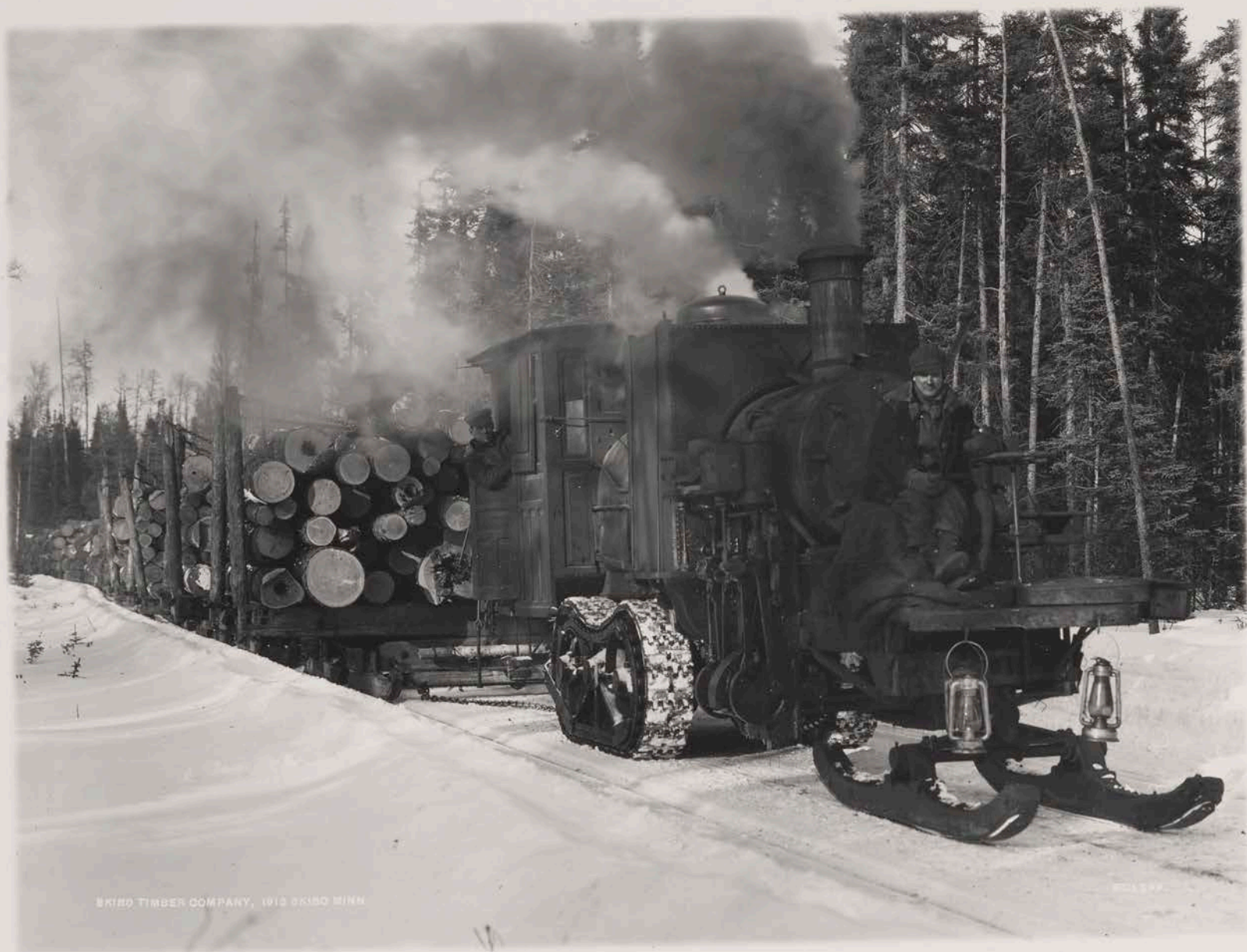
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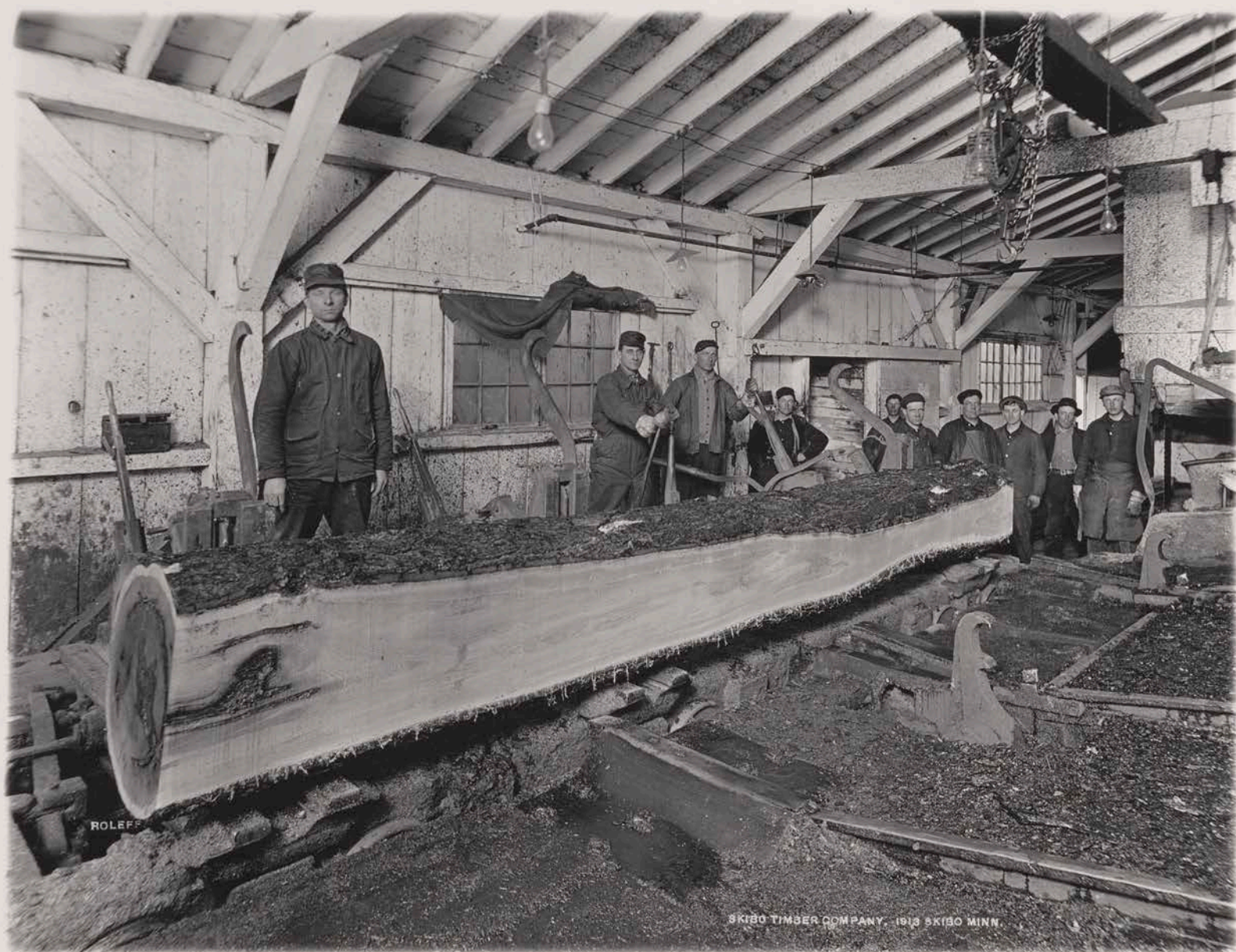
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William Roleff
Two Harbors, Minn.

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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.



William Roleff
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William Roloff
Two Harbors, Minn.



William Roloff
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