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Newton D. Baker letters to Thomas J. Howells

1914-1937

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Key Terms

Subjects

Bridges -- Pennsylvania -- Pittsburgh
Conscientious objection -- United States
International organization
International relations
Practice of law -- Ohio -- Cleveland
Presidents -- United States -- Health
World War, 1914-1918 -- Conscientious objectors
World War, 1914-1918 -- Participation, American
World War, 1914-1918 -- Transportation

Geographic Names

Cleveland (Ohio) -- Politics and government
United States -- Foreign relations -- Mexico
United States -- Politics and government -- 1913-1921

Occupations

Lawyers
Politicians

Names

Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937
Howells, Thomas J.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924
League of Nations
United States. War Dept. Training Camp Activities Commission