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Guide to the

**Newton D. Baker letters to Thomas J. Howells**

1914-1937

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## Summary

**Creator:** Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937

**Title:** Newton D. Baker letters to Thomas J. Howells

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**Abstract:** Newton Diehl Baker (1871-1937) was an American lawyer, political leader and United States Secretary of War during World War I. Collection consists of letters from Baker to Thomas J. Howells of Pittsburgh, Pa., written from Cleveland, Ohio, during Baker's tenure as mayor, from Washington, D.C., while Baker was Secretary of War, and later at Cleveland where Baker practiced law. Letters relate to Baker's life and responsibilities in Cleveland, and to national and international politics including comments on relations between the United States and Mexico, World War I problems, the Training Camp Activities Commission of which Baker was appointed a member, conscientious objectors, the raising of bridges in Pittsburgh, transportation of soldiers home from France, President Wilson's health, the League of Nations, and business and personal affairs.

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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