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**EZRA BOWLUS  
CIVIL WAR LETTERS, 1862-1864**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Ezra Bowlus (1828-October 7, 1864) was born in Maryland and moved to Jordan, Warren County, Indiana where he worked as a farmer. Bowlus married Susan Eyler, and together they had two children, Elsey and Harriet. On 20 March 1861 Bowlus enlisted in the Union army, where he served in Company B of the 60<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment as a drummer with the rank of Private. Bowlus served until 7 October 1864, when he died of dysentery in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Sources:

Ancestrylibrary.com

Materials in collection

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains letters from Ezra Bowlus to his wife Susan and others. The letters are primarily news and updates about Bowlus. He gives accounts of where he is, how he is doing. The collection also contains accounts of perceptions of both the Union and Confederate armies from civilians, as well as accounts of skirmishes and searching for Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan and his soldiers.

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