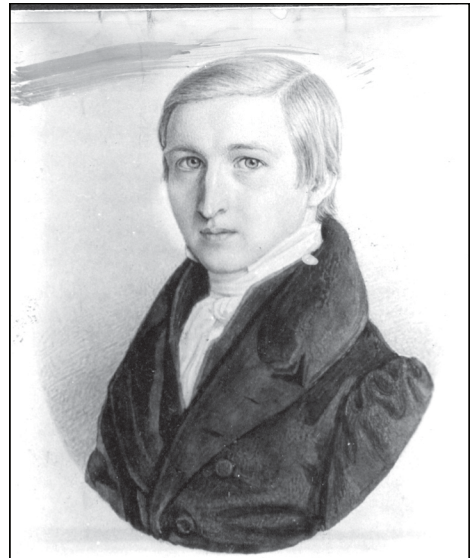


This Week in Eden History
February 25 | George Wendelin Wall

George Wendelin Wall, was born on **Feb. 25, 1811** in Württemberg, Germany. After completing studies at the Basel Mission House in 1835, he traveled to St. Louis to minister in the burgeoning German immigrant population.

Wall was part of a group of pastors who met with Louis Nollau October 15, 1840 to form the German Evangelical Church Society of the West, later known as the Evangelical Synod of North America and a predecessor of the United Church of Christ. In 1852, he traveled to Germany on behalf of the Church Society to raise funds and recruit students for the fledgling Seminary at Marthasville, Eden's predecessor. In addition to securing 6,000 *Taler* (an extraordinary sum) to endow the first seminary professorship, he was given 2,000 books for the school's library.



Portrait of George W. Wall when he was a student at Basel Mission Society. Eden Archives

Despite tensions between early “Old Lutherans” from Saxony and the Evangelical pastors, Wall was invited to preach the funeral sermon for O. H. Walther, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Soulard, on Jan. 24, 1841. O.H. was the brother of C.F.W. Walther, an early leader of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who also succeeded O.H. as pastor of Trinity.

Wall served pastorates at a number of St. Louis area churches between 1836 and his death on April 21, 1867.