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Charles E. Deuel was born in New York in 1864, of French Huguenot parents. He was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and was graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He prepared for the ministry at the General Theological Seminary of New York. In 1891, his first church was in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and on June 23, 1893, came to Boise as rector of St. Michael's Church, then at the southwest corner of Seventh and Bannock streets. About 1895 he married Katherine Louise Weills, of Ossining, New York, and they were the first to occupy the Deanery of St. Michael's, where their two children, Katherine and Charles Weills, were born.

On June 5, 1895, Dr. Deuel announced Bishop Talbot's plans to build a new church, and from then until the cathedral was dedicated, he saw to it that plans for the cathedral went forward despite many obstacles: lack of money (the church building fund had only \$861.38 at that time); numerous and varied construction problems; labor problems; furnishing decisions; a change in bishops from Bishop Talbot to Bishop Funsten; and, deaths (including his own two young children, who died of diphtheria within a day of each other). Finally, despite all the problems, the cathedral was dedicated on May 25, 1902, and the Reverend Deuel was nominated to the first dean of St. Michael's Cathedral.

On April 15, 1903, he made public the news that some time ago he had received a call to the Church of the Atonement in Edgewater (near Chicago), and that he would be leaving St. Michael's and Boise. In Edgewater, three more children were born to the Deuels, Margaret, Eleanor, and John. They transferred to Trinity Church in Santa Barbara, California, where they lived for the rest of their lives. Katherine Deuel died in 1929, and Charles E. Deuel on July 19, 1932, at the age of 68.

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