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NAME Breedlove, Charles Winchester (deceased April 26, 1934)  
PUBLIC OFFICES HELD (DATE)

CITY:

City Council .....June 30, 1933  
April 26, 1934

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

U.S. Marine Corps )  
Second Lieutenant ) June 1917-July 1919

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

American Legion

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**PORTRAIT:**

**ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:**

**PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)**

Los Angeles Examiner April 27, 1934

The Los Angeles Public Library  
Local History Collection  
Biography

NAME **Breedlove, Charles Winchester** (deceased April 26, 1934)

Occupation Motion Picture Industry

Address 3003 Chesapeake Avenue

Birth (Date and Place) Fort Smith, Ark, November 14, 1898

FATHER John Breedlove

Birth (Date and Place) 1851

If Deceased, When Fort Smith, Ark, 1930

MOTHER Carrie Pruton

Birth (Date and Place) 1851

If Deceased, When December 1933, Fort Smith, Ark.

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Ester Egan

Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1903 - New York, N.Y.

If Deceased, When

When Married Los Angeles 1919

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

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## SKETCH

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Charles Winchester Breedlove was born on November 14, 1898 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his education in the local public schools. After his graduation from Fort Smith High School Mr. Breedlove entered the U.S. Marine Corp in June 1917.

After his enlistment Mr. Breedlove was sent to training school in Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was later commissioned Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marines and sent to France. He was injured in action and returned to the States where he was hospitalized. After six months as a patient in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. he was honorably discharged in July 1919.

In August 1919 he removed to Los Angeles, California where he joined the Metro Goldwyn Studios in Culver City. After three years of both acting and assisting in directing pictures he became a director of educational features. He continued this association until January 1929.

He joined a Little Theatre Group in Duluth, Minnesota in June 1929 where for six months he directed play revivals. He returned to Los Angeles late in 1930 where he remained until March 1931.

He then went to China to direct educational films, returning to Los Angeles ten months later where he continued his association, in a directorial capacity, with Educational Studio, until June 1933.

In June 1933 Mr. Breedlove was elected to the City Council from the 11th Councilmanic District.

Mr. Breedlove's right to take office was challenged because he had not lived continuously in the district for the two years preceding the primary election.

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However, in a Superior Court action Judge Trabucco upheld Mr. Breedlove's eligibility to hold office.

Mr. Breedlove brought into the Council a new viewpoint, that of the Motion Picture industry and its problems. He contended that since the Motion Picture industry directly affected the lives of a large percentage of Los Angeles people its problems and viewpoint should always be before the City's governing body, the City Council.

The cause of Mr. Breedlove's death on April 26, 1934, in the midst of his first term in public office, was traceable to his war service.

At his burial services he was accorded full military honors.





**ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:**

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles City Vital Statistics      Death  
Records

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** None

**INTERVIEWED BY:**

**DATE OF INTERVIEW**

**WRITTEN BY:** Florence H. Goddard

June 23, 1937