A lot of people want to live in Addams Family mansion

Turns out, for many, dark rooms, creaky staircases, a private cemetery and dungeons are part of the American dream.

These charming characteristics were featured on the dilapidated mansion in the cult TV and movie remake *The Addams Family.* The iconic haunted house remains, for the 9 percent of Americans surveyed by the PenFed Credit Union, a dream home. The study, which surveyed 1,000 adults about their home-buying habits, found that most millennials hope to own a home within the next two years.

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But while 0001 Cemetery Lane remains firmly rooted in our collective pop culture memories, this perfectly spooky mansion does not actually exist as such.

Winding staircases, broken windows and sturdy-yet-falling-apart walls would be difficult to maintain in an actual home — and so producers filmed the mansion's exterior and interior separately, according to historical societies and show records.

Courtesy of Los Angeles Public Library

Built by a wealthy California businessman in 1888, 21 Chester Place in Los Angeles had been the inspiration behind creator Charles Addams' *Addams Family* mansion drawings in *The New Yorker* cartoons in the 1930s. The actual mansion was featured in the 1964 show's pilot, but it was replaced by a matte painting after that first episode.

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The inspirational real-life house itself eventually reached a state of disrepair and was torn down by the city in 1967.

Released in 1991, *The Addams Family* movie does not even have a single house to go back to —

the mansion's facade was built specifically for the movie to use on a mountain overlooking the Burbank Hills. The inside and porch scenes were filmed on other locations.

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That said, this fictional mansion remains many people's image of the perfect haunted house — and has led a few homesellers to market their own dilapidated homes as an *Addams Family* house over the years, like this $2.5 million Paddington manor.

Even more popular dream home options from the FedPen survey were the mansion featured on *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* (26 percent), the bright San Francisco townhouse from *Full House* (24 percent) and the simple *Brady Bunch* home (13 percent), which was recently purchased by HGTV, after a showdown with 'N Sync star Lance Bass, with plans to turn it into a museum about the show.

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