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Behind Barnsley Resort's storybook setting is a true story filled with as many twists and turns as a work of fiction. The original manor, called Woodlands, was an estate built by Godfrey Barnsley for the love of his life, his wife Julia. Godfrey began construction on his Italianate villa in the 1840's in the north Georgia foothills, on land that had once been inhabited by the Cherokee Indians. Both the home and its elaborate gardens were influenced by the work of Andrew Jackson Downing, a pioneering landscape designer and proponent of Italianate and gothic revival architecture. Julia never saw the completed home, as she fell ill and passed away, but descendants of Godfrey and Julia occupied the estate until 1942.

In 1988, Prince Hubertus Fugger purchased the estate and laid plans for the development of the property as we know it today. In keeping with the Downing architecture and landscape design of the original estate, the resort was built to resemble a 19th century English-style village. In addition, the original gardens were fully restored and expanded. Meander through 160-year-old gardens featuring hundreds of varieties of heirloom roses, formal boxwood parterres and a woodland garden whose paths are designed to treat visitors to beautiful and interesting foliage as well as floral displays all year long.

Today, Barnsley Resort is an award-winning destination welcoming you into a uniquely historic landscape that still echoes with the vision of Godfrey Barnsley.

