

## **The History of The Beverly Garland**

*“A family affair is how it always seemed to us, a dream we had, not just a project.”  
-Beverly Garland*

The Beverly Garland was built by land developer and contractor Fillmore Crank for his wife, well-known Hollywood actress Beverly Garland. Built on seven lush North Hollywood acres that Garland’s husband purchased from Hollywood icon Gene Autry, The Beverly Garland has been a family endeavor from the beginning.

With the help of friend John Kell Houssels Jr., the creating and planning of Garland’s namesake, resort-style property began to emerge. Soon after the hotel’s conception, the Howard Johnson Company joined forces with The Beverly Garland team to establish a national presence for the hotel, while continuing to exude the strong family image Beverly Garland prioritized. Throughout the development of the property, Garland was consulted on everything from the interior décor to guest amenities. She was so devoted to the development of her namesake hotel that she often donned a hard hat and work boots and would pick up a trowel, actually helping to build the property and its walls.

Evoking the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and influenced by the California mission and Spanish hacienda styles of architecture, the Beverly Garland’s Howard Johnson Resort Lodge opened its doors in 1972. In 1995 the hotel became The Beverly Garland Holiday Inn, and in 2005 and 2009 the 255 room property underwent renovations and upgrades to its guest rooms, suites and public spaces, all designed to further enhance the guest experience at the legendary property. Today, the hotel continues to be owned and operated by Beverly Garland’s family, who strive to keep Garland’s original vision and the legacy she created alive.

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