Principal Acquisitions 1 April 2000-31 March 2001

This list is not comprehensive but attempts to record all acquisitions of most immediate relevance to research. Some items listed here may, however, remain closed to access for some time and for a variety of reasons. Researchers should always enquire as to the availability of specific items before visiting the Archive, quoting the reference number which appears at the end of each paragraph.

Family papers collected by Nathaniel Mayer (Natty), 1st Lord Rothschild (1840-1915), his wife Emma Louisa and their descendants, including: sale particulars and correspondence re the purchase of the Gunnersbury estate by Nathan Mayer Rothschild (1777-1836); letters from Charlotte de Rothschild (1819-1884) to her husband Lionel (1808-1879); collections of bills and returns relating to the Rothschild property at 148 Piccadilly; lists, notes and valuations of works of art at T ring Park and 148 Piccadilly; correspondence addressed to Lionel de Rothschild (1808-1879) from various political figures; letters of condolence addressed to Nathaniel Mayer on the death of his father, Lionel, in 1879; letters to Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild, from staff of The Times and from George V and Queen Alexandra re the paper’s Red Cross appeal, 1915; letters to Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild, from numerous political figures, 1880s-c.1915; visitors’ books, T ring Park, 1875-1932 passim; T ring Park servants’ wages book, 1900-33 and garden produce book, 1938-40; illuminated subscription volume for the Rothschild Wing of the Jews’ Free School, 1898; illuminated testimonials to Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, 1915; obituaries and press cuttings on his death, 1915; press cuttings re the General Election campaign of Walter Rothschild (1868-1937) for the Aylesbury Division, 1906; typed volume In Memoriam NCR 1877-1923, on the death of Charles Rothschild; bound typescript account, anonymous and undated, of the Bill of Exchange with annotations in Charles’ hand; photograph album labelled Wady-el-Natroun, 1903; F.R.H. N.C.R. recording a specimen-hunting expedition to Egypt and the Sudan by Charles and F. R. Henley; contract between Mayer Amschel de Rothschild (1818-74) and George Myers for the erection of Mentmore House, 1851; bound and printed volume by Hannah Rosebery (née Rothschild, 1851-90) listing the art collections of her father Mayer Amschel de Rothschild at Mentmore, 1883; printed volume Leopold and Marie, January 19 1881, containing reprinted notices and illustrations of the wedding of Leopold de Rothschild (1845-1917) and Marie Perugia (1862-1937); printed volume of theological texts addressed to Amschel von Rothschild (1773-1855), 1830; portfolios of printed text and plates Der Schatz des Freiherrn Karl von Rothschild: Meisterwerke alter Goldschniedekunst aus dem 14-18. Jh. (Frankfurt, 1883); printed volume Verzeichnis der Freiherrlich Karl von Rothschild’schen Sammlung, n.d.; printed sale catalogue, Orfèvrerie allemande, pierres dures montées provenant de l’ancienne collection de feu M. le Baron Carl Mayer de Rothschild, de Francfort, annotated with prices, Galerie Georges Petit, Paris, June 1911; draft will of James Mayer de Rothschild (1792-1868), 1827 and printed volume L’Allaitement mixte et l’allaitement artificiel, by Henri de Rothschild (Paris, 1898); volume of genealogical notes on the Rothschild family, bearing the book-stamp of de Rothschild Frères, n.d., French, 20th century; volume of cuttings concerning the Rothschild family and Jewish affairs, 1937-39; five albums of portrait photographs of the Rothschild family, bearing the book-stamp of de Rothschild Frères, n.d., French, 20th century; volumes of manuscript and printed musical compositions by Hannah Mathilde von Rothschild (1830-1924), n.d., printed volume Les Vaux de Cernay (Sèine-et-Oise) à Madame la Baronne Nathaniel de Rothschild, n.d.; five albums of portrait photographs of the Rothschild family, bearing the book-stamp of de Rothschild Frères, n.d., French, 20th century;
family and associates; portfolio of Rothschild properties in and around Frankfurt, by C. F. Mylius entitled Stadt-u. Landhäuser der Freiherrlichen Familie von Rothschild, n.d.; portfolio of 19 photographic plates of Ashton Wold, n.d.; portfolio of photographs of the house of Adèle, Baroness Salomon de Rothschild (1843-1922) at rue Berryer, Paris, showing parts of her portion of the collection of her late father, Mayer Carl; two volumes of photographs of the Royal Mint Refinery, 1950s-60s and other miscellaneous 20th century papers (000/848).

Family papers preserved and arranged by Anthony Gustav de Rothschild (1887-1961), including: collection of press cuttings re the Rothschild and Goldsmid families, 1702-1953; transcript of diary of Dr. Schlemmer, a tutor of the Rothschild family in London, c.1830; list of wedding presents received by Charlotte Béatrice de Rothschild (1864-1932) and Mayer Ephrussi de Rothschild (1843-1922); memorial volume published on the death of James Mayer de Rothschild, 1868; volume of press cuttings on the entry of Lionel de Rothschild (1808-79) to the House of Commons, 1850 and hymn and prayer by Rabbi Belkis on the occasion of his election as M.P. elegy and volume of cuttings on the death of Lionel, 1879; letters to Lionel and Charlotte de Rothschild from their son Leopold (1848-1929) and 1864-84 and their niece Hannah Rosebery, 1883-84; letters to and from Charlotte de Rothschild (1819-84) from family and friends, 1839-84; photographs, diary and personal papers of Charlotte, 1818-84; sermon on her death, 1884; letters to and from Louise (1821-1910), wife of Anthony Nathan de Rothschild, 1835-1910 and press cuttings on her death; manuscript ‘Lord Rothschild and the Alien Commission’, c.1903; press cuttings and order of service on the death of Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild, 1891; drawings by Evelina de Rothschild (1839-66) and papers on her death, 1866-67; address delivered on the death of Ferdinand de Rothschild, 1898; letters to and from Marie de Rothschild (née Perugia, 1862-1937), including correspondence with members of the Landauer, Schey and Perugia families, 1874-1936; and other miscellaneous items (000/924).

Family papers collected by Marie-Louise (née Beer, 1892-1975), wife of Lionel de Rothschild (1808-1879), and her secretary, including: letters from Lionel de Rothschild to his wife, Marie-Louise, 1922-39; album of ‘Family Letters etc.; c.1900-1930s; album of ‘Letters from important people’, 1914-1940s; letters to Lionel de Rothschild, 1912-30s, from, inter alia, Marie-Louise; his brother Anthony Gustav (1887-1961) and Constance, Lady Battersea (née Rothschild, 1843-1931); collection of press cuttings re the Rothschild family, 1912-75; admission ticket to the marriage of Leopold de Rothschild and Marie Perugia, 1881; miscellaneous personal letters, papers and mementoes (000/928).

Documents relating to the conveyance of property on the Bucks./Herts. Estate, 1855-1893, with earlier documents of title, 17th-19th century; correspondence from entomologists and parasitologists addressed to Charles Rothschild, 1919-22; letters by him re collection of birds’ nests for a study of parasites, 1901-1909; papers re the Royal Commission on the London Stock Exchange, 1877-78, on which sat Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild (1840-1915) (000/972).


Copy building contract between Anthony de Rothschild (1810-1876) and George Myers, contractor of Lambeth, for repairs and extensions to Aston Clinton House, 1855 (000/891)

Bronze medal awarded to Sarah Tomlin of Aston Clinton at the Aston Clinton Industrial Exhibition, 1868 (000/851)

Printed book: *Stunden der Andacht: ein Gebet- und Erbauungs-Buch für Israels Frauen und Jungfrauen ...*, by Fanny Neuda (Prague, 1879), dedicated to Louise von Rothschild (000/425)

Indenture, schedule and plans of the Rothschild Estate in the Vale of Aylesbury, c.1880 [damaged] (000/891)

Collection of 50 satirical caricatures, *Musée des Horreurs*, in poster form by Lenepveu of Paris, featuring, inter alia, Nathan Mayer Rothschild, Carl Mayer von Rothschild, James de Rothschild, Alphonse de Rothschild (2 items), Leonore de Rothschild, Henri de Rothschild and Charlotte de Rothschild, c.1900 (000/922)

Printed catalogue of the Carl von Rothschild Library, Frankfurt (Freiherrlich Carl von Rothschild’sche öffentliche Bibliothek: Verzeichnis der Bücher: Band 1) (Frankfurt, 1892-98) (000/800)


Deeds, maps and sale particulars of land in Buckinghamshire, chiefly in Aylesbury and Wingrave, 1881-1956; correspondence of Lionel de Rothschild (1882-1942) regarding local (Bucks.) charitable concerns, 1911-15 (000/891)

Video copy of newsreel film of Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild, unveiling the Hampden Statue in Aylesbury, a Coronation gift to the people of Buckinghamshire, 27 June 1912 (from the collections of the National Film and Television Archive) (000/915)

File of letters of condolence on the death of Nathaniel Mayer, 1st Lord Rothschild, addressed to N M Rothschild & Sons, April 1915 (000/846)

Microfilm of a collection of European press cuttings relating to the Rothschild family, 1886-1928, originally from the Carl von Rothschild Library, Frankfurt and now in the Stadt- und Universitätsbibliothek, Frankfurt (000/838)

Files of letters to N M Rothschild & Sons from corresponding banks, as follows:
- de Rothschild Frères, Paris, 1915-35 (000/855)
- S. M. von Rothschild und Söhne, 1918-38 (000/868)
- G. Bauer & Co, Madrid, 1918-31 (000/869)
- L. Auerbach, Amsterdam, 1918-30 (000/870)
- August Belmont, New York, 1918-30 (000/871)
- S. Bleichröder, Berlin, 1918-1935 (000/871)
- M. M. Warburg, Hamburg, 1918-30 (000/902)
Files from N M Rothschild & Sons, labelled Affairs and relating to specific initiatives, projects and transactions, 1925-1970 (000/908)

Files from the Secretary’s Department of N M Rothschild & Sons relating principally to charitable and external affairs, 1918-70 (000/918, 935, 940)

Pen and ink drawings of six versions of the Rothschild coat of arms, 1817-1962 (000/839)

Typescript of anonymous memoir of working life at New Court, 1910-55, compiled in 1964 (000/921)

Photographs and slides of the Schillersdorf Estate, Czech Republic, 1935-1990s (000/835)


Photographs of the Topping-Out Ceremony for the extension of New Court on the east side of St. Swithin’s Lane, London, performed by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, 29 April 1997 (000/812)

Photocopies and research notes compiled during the writing of A Gilt-Edged Life, the memoirs of Edmund de Rothschild, published 1998 (000/794)

Photographs, and audio-cassette of speeches, from the reception to mark the opening of The Rothschild Archive, 30 May 2000 (000/815, 844)