

Principal acquisitions

1 April 2001 – 31 March 2002

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1. BUSINESS RECORDS OF N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS

Files produced by:

The Correspondence Dept., c.1918-1970 (000/936, 940, 942, 952, 953, 974, 977, 979, 980, 989); The Audit Dept., c.1918-1970 (000/989, 996, 998, 1003); Loans Dept., c.1918-1970 (000/1009, 1015, 1079); Secretary's Dept. c.1918-1970 (000/1044, 1050, 1070).

2. RECORDS RELATING TO THE ROTHSCHILD FAMILIES IN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY, 1769-1939, FORMERLY FONDS 637 IN THE CENTRE FOR HISTORICO-DOCUMENTARY COLLECTIONS, MOSCOW (000/1059)

Early records of Rothschild business activity:

Appointment of Mayer Amschel Rothschild as Court Agent of Hesse, 1769; Accounts of Frankfurt business, 1797 and 1807.

Rothschild banking business, 1815-1939:

Family partnership agreements, 1815-1862; Balance sheets, 1828-1910; Records of loans to individuals, 1821-1895.

State Loans:

Austrian, 1854-1902; Hungarian, 1873-1902; Various states, 1823-1906.

Hungarian Boden Credit Anstalt: Dealing in bonds of the company, 1886-1897.

Records of loans to companies:

Südbahn, 1897-1903; Buchsterad railway, 1896-1901; Various railway companies, 1844-1903; Italian Electrical Trust, 1898-1909.

Correspondence of Albert von Rothschild:

1894-1908.

Records of various business activities, 1820-1929:

Involvement in Bosnian mining enterprise, 1890-1895; Business dealings between Rothschild banks in Vienna and Paris, 1887-1895; Notebooks of Anselm von Rothschild on business opportunities, 1850-1860.

Rothschild estates, 1874-1937:

Detailed annual reports on the management of the Schillersdorf and Beneschau estates, 1874-1937; Receipts and plans relating to Enzesfeld, 1911-1934.

Philanthropic activities:

Letters of thanks from Jewish communities to Salomon von Rothschild for gifts received, 1844; Construction and financing of the Bettina Pavilion women's hospital, 1892-1902;

Nathaniel von Rothschild Nervenkrankenhaus, 1898; Pensions for the staff of the Viennese bank, 1908.

Awards conferred upon members of the Rothschild family:

Honorary citizenship of Vienna to Salomon von Rothschild, 1843; Grants of titles to the Rothschild family by various European states in reward for financial services, 1769-1917.

Addresses and testimonials received by Salomon von Rothschild, 1843-1846.

Marriage contracts:

Salomon and Caroline Stern, 1801; James and Betty, 1824; Sara Louise and Raimondo Franchetti, 1858.

Estate papers:

Will of Nathan Rothschild, 1836; will and estate papers of Anselm von Rothschild, 1826-1877; Obituaries and condolences on the death of Bettina, 1892.

Miscellaneous papers:

Menus cards and table plans, 1906-1914; Biography of Mayer Amschel Rothschild, 1813; Correspondence of Clarice von Rothschild, 1909-1935; Personal correspondence of Albert von Rothschild, 1859-1910; Correspondence of Eugene von Rothschild and his wife, 1925-1932;

Children's essays and school reports, 1854-1908; Catalogue of some of the collection of works of art of Nathaniel von Rothschild, 1903; Photographs of members of the Rothschild family, c.1903-1937.

3. FAMILY PAPERS RELATING PRIMARILY TO THE FRENCH ROTHSCHILD FAMILY (000/1037)

Inventories:

Inventory following the death of Alphonse de Rothschild, 1905; Inventory following the death of James Mayer de Rothschild, 1869; Inventory following the death of Gustave de Rothschild, 1912.

Wills and winding up of estates:

Copies of wills of Amschel Mayer, 1833-1855, including 'liquidation' of the Frankfurt house; Will of Adèle, Baroness Salomon, 1922; Succession of Adèle, 1887-1891; Succession of Gustave, 1912.

Birth, marriage and death certificates for various members of the family:

Béatrice, Alphonse, Leonora, Julie, Adolphe, Jeanne, Gustave, James Mayer, Betty, Salomon James, Salomon Mayer, Charlotte, Robert, Ferdinand, Evelina, Henri, Lionel, Nathan.

Rothschild Foundations:

Statutes for the Carl Mayer & Alexandre de Rothschild Foundation to help Jewish Schools, 1858; List of the various foundations created by Wilhelm Carl in Frankfurt, 1901; Details of legacies and donations from Julie and Adolphe, 1899-1908; Building work for the Salomon de Rothschild Foundation, 1868-1888; Donation by Alphonse to create the Bettina de Rothschild Foundation for New Mothers, 16 Dec 1892; Acquisition of land in Paris to build Jewish schools and seminaries, 1878-1879.

Property documents:

Plans and title deeds relating to 23-25 avenue Marigny, Paris, 1837-1924; Auction-purchase of Hotel Talleyrand, 2 rue St. Florentin, Paris, 27 June 1838; Title deeds and acquisition details for various properties in Cannes, 1881-1913; Title deeds for avenue du Faubourg St. Honoré, 1767-1848; Title deeds for 13 avenue de Marigny, 1859; Title deeds for 21 avenue de Marigny, 1829-1869; Plans and title deeds re property in Chantilly, 1873-1897; Property in Pauillac, 1859-1875; building work undertaken at 23 avenue Marigny, 1875-1877; Grant of plots in the Père Lachaise cemetery, Paris, 1844-1852.

4. A COLLECTION OF PAPERS FORMERLY IN THE POSSESSION OF EMMA, LADY ROTHSCHILD (1844-1935) (000/972)

Typescript copy of will of Lionel de Rothschild, 1865; Copy will of Carl Mayer von Rothschild, 1881; Copy will of Louise, widow of Mayer Carl von Rothschild, 1892; Copy will of Bertha Clara, Princesse de Wagram (née Rothschild), 1903; List of items from the estate of Adolphe de Rothschild bequeathed to Carl, Lionel and Willy, n.d.; Copy marriage certificate of Nathaniel de Rothschild and Emma Louisa, 1867; Legal opinion and other papers re their marriage settlement; Inventory of Lady Rothschild's jewels, n.d.; Schedule of deeds of the Champneys Estate, 1905; Deed of gift from Lady Rothschild to the Trustees of the Tring Nursing Home of land for the erection of a home, 1891;

List of Lady Rothschild's pensioners, 1934; Summary of the estate of Lady Rothschild, deceased, c.1935; Copy deed of endowment of the Clementine Children's Hospital, Frankfurt, 1887, and other associated papers; List of plate from Frankfurt at 148 Piccadilly, 1887; Deed of gift of collection of birds' eggs from Lionel Walter Rothschild to his brother Nathaniel Charles, 1891.

5. PAPERS RELATING TO THE LIFE AND CAREER OF BETHSABÉE (BATSHEVA) DE ROTHSCHILD (1914-1999) (000/1010)

Passports, ID cards etc., 1914-1992; cards and letters from family members; Photographs; Correspondence from dancers, 1950-1993; essays, poems and memoirs, n.d.

Business papers:

Records of the Bat-Dor dance company, 1982-1998; Batsheva de Rothschild Fund for the Advancement of Science in Israel, 1958-1999.

6. A COLLECTION OF ROTHSCHILDIANA BROUGHT TOGETHER BY BARONESS ELIE DE ROTHSCHILD (000/941)

Inventory of the collection of Max von Goldschmidt-Rothschild returned by the Frankfurt authorities, 1949; Music composed by Mathilde von Rothschild; Music dedicated to Baroness Alphonse de Rothschild; Unpublished typescript account of the female descendants of the Rothschild family and their offspring; Miscellaneous correspondence, photographs and published materials.

7. OTHER ACQUISITIONS

Microfilm of seven reports on British commerce and industry sent by Lionel de Rothschild, Austrian Consul-General, to Metternich, 1838. Originals held in the Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna (Staatskanzlei, Notenwechsel mit der Hofkammer, Kart. 231) (000/986).

Stockbroker's token of John Ashby of 3, Bartholomew Lane, issued between 1824 and 1834 and bearing, on the obverse, the figure of a bull with the head of Nathan Mayer Rothschild; and on the reverse, a bear with the head of Moses Mocatta (identified by J.B. Caldecott, *The Stock Exchange Christmas Annual*, 1905-6, as dating from between 1824 and 1834) (000/939).

Decorative pre-printed one-penny envelope addressed to N M Rothschild & Sons at New Court, 1840. The allegorical design by W. Mulready, engraved by J. Thompson, shows Britannia sending forth messengers to various parts of the world (000/1028).

Printed pamphlet: *La réponse de Rothschild 1er roi des juifs à Satan, dernier roi des imposteurs*, Paris, 1846 (000/1038).

Printed Parliamentary Paper: *Correspondence respecting the affairs of Egypt* (Cmnd. 2549, 1880), incorporating papers re Egyptian finances and the Rothschild loan of 1877 (000/1033).

Bond for the 1889 4% Russian Consolidated Railroad Loan, issued by N M Rothschild & Sons (000/1032).

Bound copy of Walter Rothschild: 'A Monograph of the Genus Casuarius', published in the *Transactions of the Zoological Society of London*, 1899 (000/994).

Rectangular commemorative plaque for the Assemblée Générale des

Actionnaires of the Paris-Lyon-Méditerranée Railway, 1901, by L.O. Roty; allegorical obverse; reverse shows exterior of the Gare de Lyon, Paris (000/1071).

Photographic plate carrying portrait study of Laura-Thérèse de Rothschild (1847-1931) at the Villa Madrid, Cannes, 1902 (000/1000).

Letters to Roszika Rothschild regarding the welfare of Hungarian prisoners-of-war in Britain and Russia, 1916-1926 (000/988).

Share certificate for 100 francs in the Société Immobilière du Domaine de Rothschild, Grasse, 21 June 1926 (000/1052).

Seal die of the Palestine Jewish Colonisation Association (PICA) (000/939).

Two bonds with coupons for the Witkowitz Bergbau-und-Eisenhütten Gewerkschaft, 1937, issued in London by the Alliance Assurance Co. through N M Rothschild & Sons. (000/1020).

Letter from Roszika Rothschild to an unidentifiable Government official seeking British intervention in Hungary and Romania to counter the growing influence of Nazi Germany and to stop anti-semitic propaganda and attacks, 10 May 1938 (000/992).

Microfiche of Reichskanzlei files (R 43 II) in the Bundesarchiv, Germany, relating, inter alia, to the 'Trustees of the former Rothschild estates' (Reichshändler für die ehemals Rothschild'schen Vermögen), 1940-1942 (000/1048).

Printed volume: *Bernard Palissy et son école* (collection Edouard de Rothschild), 1952; Catalogue by Serge Grandjean, Biography by Germaine de Rothschild and Preface by Pierre Verlet (000/995);

Album of photographs of the topping-out ceremony for the reconstruction of No.1 St. Swithin's Lane, London, part of the premises of N M Rothschild & Sons Limited, together with silver trowel used on the occasion, 5 April 2001 (000/968 and 000/1008).

Printed materials relating to the history of the Vítkovice Iron and Steel Works, Ostrava, Czech Republic:

100 Jahre Eisenwerk Witkowitz, 1828-1928, 1928; *Vítkovice, Compagnie des Mines, Forges et Aciéries de Vítkovice*, c.1935; *Eisenwerk Witkowitz* (in German, Czech and English); *Archiva a.s. Vítkovice Ostrava*, 1994; *Fifty years of the Vítkovice A.S. Research Institutes*, 1996; *Správa a Organizace Vítkovických Železáren do Roku 1945 (Administration and Organisation of the Vítkovice Ironworks up to 1945)*, Jana Machotková, n.d.

Photographs of Csételek, home of the Wertheimstein family in Hungary, 2001; of the foundation stone of the Széchenyi Chain Bridge, Budapest, 2001 and copy photograph of Roszika Rothschild as a young woman, n.d. (000/945 and 953).

PhD Thesis submitted to the University of Valladolid by Pedro Ortuñez Goicolea, *El proceso de nacionalización de los ferrocarriles en España. Historia de las grandes compañías ferroviarias, 1913-1943*, on the nationalisation of the Spanish railway network (000/1012).

PhD Thesis submitted to the University of Vienna by Felicitas Kunth, *Die Gemäldesammlungen des Österreichischen Zweigs der Rothschild-Familie* (000/1158).

