Principal acquisitions 1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003

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.

Business records of N M Rothschild & Sons Limited: Loans Dept., 1924-1970 (000/1094, 1099, 1101, 1108); Secretariat, 1922-1970 (000/1109, 1117); Partners’ Room, 1920-1970 (000/1110); Paying Agents’ Dept. records relating to loans, 1870s to 1991 (000/1113); Private Account files, 1922-1970 (000/1125, 1130 and 1138, 1159, 1160 and 1163); files of Michael Comninos, partner, 1963-1970 (000/1112)

Pencil sketch of Nathan Mayer Rothschild by Richard Dighton, a study for his family group of the wedding of Charlotte and Anselm Rothschild, 1830 (000/1179)

Indenture for the purchase by Lionel de Rothschild of ten shares in the Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company, 1832 (000/1190)

Circular miniature of a young messenger bearing the gold badge of the Austrian Imperial Courier and holding a letter inscribed ‘à Monsieur de Rothschild, Paris’, signed L. Gilbert, 1833 (000/1211)

A manual of Judaism detailed in conversation between a rabbi and his pupil ..., by Joshua van Osten, London, 1835; with full-page dedication to Mr and Mrs de Rothschild (000/1129)

Cheque from de Rothschild Frères, 12 February 1871, for the payment of one million Prussian thalers from the account of the City of Paris to S. Bleichröder, Berlin, being the first part of the reparation payments following the Franco-Prussian War (000/1191)

Seven letters from Ferdinand de Rothschild to N M Rothschild & Sons on personal banking matters, 1879-1880 (000/1200)

Barrikaten-Scene am 18ten. September: caricature by S. Stern depicting ‘Baron von Rothschild’ (believed to be Amschel M ayer Rothschild) surveying the barricades during street disturbances in Frankfurt, 1848 (000/1134)

Foundation letter and Statutes of the Freiherr Carl M ayer und Alexander von Rothschild’schen Stipendien Stiftung für Israelitische Schüler, Frankfurt-am-M ain, 12 N ovember 1854 (000/1174)

Photographs of two election broadsides in connection with the election campaigns of Lionel de Rothschild for the City of London, 1850 and 1851: Rothschild & Victory and the glorious majority of 3515’ and Rothschild for Ever! And the City won’t be conquer’d (000/1146)

Small oil painting on board by Cornelius Wiedermann of the Frankfurt Judengasse under snow, n.d. (000/1202)

Two watercolours by Evelina de Rothschild: view of a castle in a German landscape, 1864 and ladies on a terrace, 1866 (000/1129)

A Jahrzeit Tafel dedicated to his late brother, M ayer C arl (d. 1886) by Wilhelm C arl von Rothschild (000/1180)

Les Rothschild, une famille de financiers juifs au XIX siècle, Edouard Demachy, Paris, 1896 (000/1173)

Papers of W ilkins, solicitors of Aylesbury, relating to the property and affairs of Lionel W alter, 2nd L ord Rothschild: including records of the Champneys estate, a testimonial prepared for presentation to W alter Rothschild on his 21st birthday, schedules of deeds etc., 1813-1935 (000/1162)

An address by the Jewish community in Frankfurt to Mathilde, Baroness W ilhelm von Rothschild, on her 80th birthday, 1912 (000/1180)

Photograph of a family group, taken 5 M arch 1922, at the Grüneburg, Frankfurt, on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Hannah M athilde von Rothschild (000/1187)

Commemorative silver-gilt plaque produced for the Assemblée G énérale des A ctionnaires du Paris-Lyon-Méditerranée Railway, designed by L. - O. R oty and showing, on the reverse, the exterior of the G are de Lyon, Paris (000/1123)
Portrait in oils of Leopold de Rothschild [by Horwitz], presented to him by members of the Council of the United Synagogue at the end of his Presidency (1915-1917) (000/1178)

Copy of Reminiscences by Constance, Lady Battersea (née Rothschild), 1922, interleaved with various papers, including postcards of The Pleasaunce, Overstrand, Norfolk and letters from R.J. Lister, staying at The Pleasaunce, 1908-1921 (000/1133)

Bronze medal issued by the Académie des Beaux Arts, to commemorate the Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild; showing, on the obverse, the head of Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild and, on the reverse, the Villa Ephrussi, St Jean Cap Ferrat (000/1167)

Photographs and papers re the Rothschild and Goldschmidt-Rothschild families of Frankfurt, including: 3 photographs of the Villa Grüneburg, c. 1900-1935, photograph of the Rothschild mansion on Bockenheimer Landstrasse, studio photographs of Marion von Goldschmidt-Rothschild, Hannah Mathilde and Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild; photograph of Maurice de Rothschild, Monte Carlo, 1949; photocopies of Goldschmidt family tree; pamphlet Jahrbuch des Vermögens und Einkommens der Millionäre im Königreich Preussen; by Rudolf Martin, Berlin 1913 and extracts on the families from an unidentified German biographical dictionary, c. 1920 (000/1177)

Memorial sermon for Baron Edmond de Rothschild, delivered by Dr. J. H. Hertz, at the Great Synagogue, London, 1934 (000/1173)

Lists of the publications of W. Alter Rothschild, from Novitates Zoologicae, XLI, 1938 and Ibis, 14th Series, Vol. II, 1938 (000/1135)

Photocopies of extracts of documents re the looting of art collections in Vienna by the Nazis, from originals among the papers of the O.S.S. Art Looting Investigations Unit in the National Archives and Records of America (000/1170)


A ‘Hercules Disk’, refined and minted by N.M. Rothschild & Sons at the Royal Mint Refinery on behalf of the First Banking Tangiers Bank, 1950s and showing, on the obverse, the figure of Hercules (000/1182)

A ‘medal in honour of Edmond and James de Rothschild’, issued by the State of Israel, 1966, to commemorate the opening of the Knesset (000/1137)

Collection of newspaper cuttings and other family and business memorabilia, 1934 to 1990; with some additional material including signatures and seal impressions, late 19th and early 20th centuries; letter from Leopold, also signed by Marie, 19 January 1906; letter from Leopold, 5 March 1912 following an assassination attempt; copy of the address at the funeral of Elizabeth de Rothschild, 29 February 1980 and various internal memoranda of N.M. Rothschild & Sons; all collected by A. Sheldon Radford, a former employee (000/1194)

Collection of obituaries and other press cuttings about the Rothschild family, 1980s (000/1128)

Video of ‘Supreme Court Dedication Week’, Jerusalem 1992 (000/1165)

Recording of BBC Radio 4 programme Changing Places, featuring M. Iriam Rothschild and broadcast 5 July 2002 (000/1126)

A collection of commemorative medals and coins presented to Edmund de Rothschild during his working life (000/1181)