

# Principal acquisitions

## 1 April 2004 – 31 March 2005

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This list is not comprehensive but attempts to record all acquisitions of most immediate relevance to research. Some items listed here may, however, be 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.

### Records of N.M. Rothschild & Sons

Records of the Private Accounts Department, 1922–1975.  
(000/1399; 000/1421)

Miscellaneous files relating to the work of the Archives Department of N.M. Rothschild & Sons, 1965–1989. The collection includes prospectuses of issues handled by N.M. Rothschild & Sons and de Rothschild Frères and copies of speeches made by partners in the London bank.  
(000/1435)

A collection of photographs commemorating the final sessions of the daily gold fixing, which took place at New Court from 1919 to 4 May 2004. The photographs feature representatives of N.M. Rothschild & Sons and the Bank of England, and of other participating houses, all of which are successors to the original members of the market.  
(000/1404)

### Records of de Rothschild Frères

A collection of letters, approximately 1,000 in total, written to de Rothschild Frères by various merchants and businessmen in the years 1854, 1856, 1857 and various years between 1861 and 1869.  
(000/1531)

Two letters to Baron James de Rothschild from Cavour (n.d.) and Thiers (1839); one letter to Alphonse de Rothschild from Niel (1868).  
(000/1402)

Twelve bills of exchange, drawing on accounts at de Rothschild Frères, including signatures from August Belmont, Nathaniel Davidson and Scharfenberg & Tolmé.  
(000/1490)

### Rothschild family

File of letters, drafts of documents and publications relating to affairs in Hungary, from the Treaty of Versailles to 1932. The papers appear to have been assembled by Rozsika Rothschild, to whom some of the letters are addressed.  
(000/1384)

Correspondence and papers relating to the career of Edmund de Rothschild. The collection includes the diary of a round-the-world trip beginning in 1939; letters home from his travels, 1938 onwards; certificates, awards and testimonials granted throughout his life; correspondence from notable individuals.  
(000/1505; 000/1532)

Stud Record Book, 1905–1932, together with information regarding pedigrees and registration of various horses belonging to Alphonse von Rothschild (1878–1942).  
(000/1396)

Photographs of Mount Meru Hospital, Arusha, Tanzania, with foundation stone, 1926, recording funding from the Alfred de Rothschild Bequest (the stone was laid by Lady Rees, wife of Sir Milsom Rees, Alfred's executor).  
(000/1390)

Letter from Alfred de Rothschild to 'Robson', 10 April 1902, referring to Colonel Cooper and the rearrangement of Alfred's drawing room at Seamore Place.  
(000/1518)

Collection of watercolours, pencil sketches and photographs, probably from the family of Evelina Behrens née Rothschild. The watercolours and sketches are believed to be by Emma von Rothschild (many bear her initials or signature). Several also bear place names: Dresden, Baden and Gotha. Dated items range from 1860–1866. Subject matter includes rural scenes and buildings. The photographs date from c.1900 and include images of Lord Rothschild and Peggy Behrens.  
(000/1528)

Copies of documents in the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 relating to the Rothschild family: correspondence between Lord Esher and Norman Shaw re the purchase of 185 Queen's Gate by Edmond de Rothschild for the foundation of a Maison de l'Institut de France, London, 1919; page from Accounts for the Royal Commission for 1855, with signature of Lionel de Rothschild.  
(000/1445)

A collection of material relating to the life of Benjamin Davidson, Rothschild agent and cousin, and his family. The collection includes a pocket book kept by his brother noting Benjamin's movements in 1847–1848 and major events such as the abdication of Louis Philippe; an agreement between Davidson and N.M. Rothschild & Sons regarding the ownership of property in San Francisco; letters patent creating him a Chevalier of the Order of Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro, together with accompanying correspondence, 19 December 1864; letters patent creating him Italian consul in San Francisco, signed by Victor Emanuel, and Cavour, 23 March 1857; transparency and print of Davidson's bank in San Francisco, taken from the original daguerreotype photograph. (000/1419)

### Artefacts

Commemorative medal with bust of Nathan Mayer Rothschild, 1836. Bronze, 5.2cm dia. The medal was struck in 1836 to commemorate the death of Nathan Rothschild. The obverse shows the head of Nathan, facing right with the inscription: NATHAN. MAYER. ROTHSCHILD PUB. BY HYAM HYAMS. The reverse is inscribed: NUMMIS MAXIMUS REPERITUR; OB JUL. XXVII MDCCCXXXVI. (000/1447)

Circular silver token granting free transport on the Lombardy and Central Italian railway, c.1860s. On the obverse a decorative locomotive engine, engraved by Desaide-Roquelay, and the text: SOCIETA DELLE STRADE FERRATE DELLA LOMBARDIA E DELL'ITALIA CENTRALE. On the reverse an inscription: MR LE BARON LIONEL DE ROTHSCHILD. (000/1494)

Silhouette of Nathan Mayer Rothschild, standing, facing left, with top hat and cane, painted on glass in oval gilt metal frame. (000/1507)

Photograph on glass, hand painted, of Alfred de Rothschild standing in the winter garden at Halton. (000/1516)

Bamboo riding crop, with ivory foot. Gold band engraved 'Alfred de Rothschild Halton Tring'. (000/1516)

### Publications of the Rothschild family

*L'Inoublié*, Hélène de Zuylen de Nyevelt, (Paris: E. Sansot & Cie, 1910). Limited edition, number 3 of 10. (000/1424)

*From January to December*, Charlotte de Rothschild (London: Longmans, Green & Co., London, 1873). (000/1450)

Collection of 11 catalogues of master drawings exhibited by Kate de Rothschild, 1974–2003. (000/1489)

*The Schizophrenia Research Fund*, Miriam Rothschild, ([Schizophrenia Research Fund]: [c.1970]). (000/1496)

### Printed material

Original cartoon by SEM, featuring *inter alia* Henri de Rothschild, Alphonse de Rothschild and his wife, Leonora, Camille Blanc, Gordon Bennett and Lord Savile. (000/1398)

Printed sale catalogue: *Vérzeichniss der auserlesenen und hochstanebnlichen Thalersammlung des zu Halle verstorbenen Hofraths David Samuel von Madai ...*, (Hamburg, 1788). With flyleaf inscription, signed 'M.W.' identifying the book as the property of Mayer Amschel Rothschild and the interfoliated annotations to be in his hand. (000/1428)

*Der Baron Rothschild: Reisen, Jagden, Menschlichkeiten* by Forstrat Gruenkranz (Munich: Verlag für Kulturpolitik, 1924), an account of Baron Nathaniel von Rothschild (1836–1905) and the family's hunting grounds in Austria. (000/1454)

*Le Journal Illustré*, 8 September 1895, featuring an article about the assassination attempt at de Rothschild Frères, 'Un Attentat chez M. de Rothschild', illustrated by Henri Meyer. (000/1485)

Chromolithograph of Baron Lionel de Rothschild (1808–1879), head and shoulders, facing left. (000/1527)

Poster in memory of Edmond de Rothschild (1845–1934) produced in Tel Aviv one month after his death. (000/1530)

Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Jewish Colonization Association, 1891. (000/1530)