

Principal acquisitions

1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006

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Rothschild family correspondence

Collection of 212 autograph letters addressed to James and Betty de Rothschild by members of the French royal family, members of the aristocracy, government ministers and politicians, 1848–1870s.
[000/1618]

A collection of 40 items of correspondence written by members of the Rothschild family to various individuals between 1834 and 1936. Among the writers are James and Betty, their children Charlotte, Gustave and Edmond, daughters-in-law Adèle and Laura Thérèse, grandchildren Edouard, Aline and James Armand, and Nelly.
[000/1541]

Printed books

The Hebrew Talisman, anon, (London: 1840). A satire of Nathan Rothschild, with a dedication 'from the author'.
[000/1579]

Rothschild Ier, Roi des Juifs par Satan, [Georges Dairnvaell] (Paris: Imprimerie de Madame de Lacombe, 1846). The seminal pamphlet attacking the Rothschilds and the Chemin de fer du Nord, following a railway accident in July 1846.
[000/1604]

De la naturalisation sous la loi du 3 décembre 1849 et des modifications introduites par la loi du 29 juin 1867, James de Rothschild (1844–1881) (Paris: A. Marescq Aîné, 1867). Extract from *Revue pratique de droit français*, 1 and 15 October, 1867.
[000/1612]

Maurice de Rothschild's Journey to East Africa 1904–1905, with a foreword by Benjamin de Rothschild. (n.p.: [2004]), and French version *Voyage du Baron Maurice de Rothschild en Afrique orientale 1904–1905*. The publication is divided into three sections: book 1: travel journal; book 2: articulate animals [insects, butterflies, beetles]; book 3: okapi and giraffes. The text is drawn from research about Maurice's expedition; the images come from his published works about the journey.
[000/1544]

Recherches sur l'okapi et les girafes de l'est africain, Maurice de Rothschild and Henri Neuville 2 vols (Paris: Masson, 1910 & 1911). Extracts from *Annales des Sciences naturelles, zoologie* 9th series, vol.10 & vol.11. Includes colour plate of okapi and colour plate of giraffes, together with black and white photographs of *inter alia* Rothschild giraffes.
[000/1613]

Notes africaines, Henri de Rothschild (Paris: Calmann Lévy, 1896). The book is based on Henri's notes from his visits to Algeria and Tunisia.
[000/1611]

La lignée française de la famille de Rothschild 1792–1942: étude historique et biographique, Henri de Rothschild (Porto: Costa Carregal, 1943). A rare example of Henri's account of his family's history, written during his war-time exile in Portugal.
[000/1626]

Une dame d'autrefois: la Baronne Mathilde-Henri de Rothschild (1872–1926), Henri de Rothschild (Lausanne: Imprimeries Réunies, 1946). Henri's tribute to his wife, Mathilde, née Weisweiler published in the year before his death.
[000/1617]

Letters to a Christian Friend on the Fundamental Truths of Judaism, Clementina de Rothschild, (London: Simpkin, Marshall, 1869)
[000/1557]

Artefacts and portraiture

Statuette of Sir Anthony de Rothschild, terracotta or similar, probably a maquette for larger bust yet to be identified. [000/1558]

Hand-tinted photographic image on glass of Hannah, Countess of Rosebery, printed on glass and signed 'Dickinson'. [000/1550]

Coloured engraving of Witkowitz: Freiherrlich von Rothchild'sches Eisenwerk. Lithograph by W. Riefstahl of drawing by Kaliwoda, printed by W. Horn, Berlin. [000/1551]

Painting on ivory of Anthony de Rothschild (1887–1961) as child, in blue satin suit with white lace, a copy of portrait by Millais. [000/1562]

Charcoal drawing signed by Louisa de Rothschild, December 1838. The drawing is of a young woman, head and shoulders only, wearing a dark blue frilled dress with white lace collar, and her hair in a pleated bun. She is believed to be Hannah Mayer de Rothschild (1815–1864). [000/1539]

Photographs

Collection of photographs of members of the Rothschild family and friends, in various formats. The majority of the images are of the branch of the family descended from Edmond and Adelheid.

Subjects include the following members of the Rothschild family: Adèle; Adelheid; Anthony; Arthur; Benjamin; Bettina; Betty; Cécile; Charlotte Nathaniel; Claude; Constance; Edmond; Edmond; Ferdinand; Georgine; Gustave; Hannah Mathilde; Hélène; Henri; James; James Edouard; James Armand; Julie; Leonora; Marguerite; Marie; Marie-Hélène; Maurice; Mayer Amschel; Mayer Carl; Miriam Alexandrine; Minna Caroline; Nadine; Noémie; Walter.

Family circle: Renée de Becker-Rémy née Lambert; Alberto, Eduardo and Giorgio Franchetti; Lili von Goldschmidt-Rothschild; Rudolf von Goldschmidt-Rothschild; Louise Sassoon née Perugia.

Other figures: Grand Duchess Alexandra Feodorovna; Mme Annenkoff; Countess Verasis di Castiglione, Virginia Oldoini; Henriette Coblenze; Clémence Dulè; Mme E. Fould; Leontine Fürstenberg; François Guizot; Marie de Nailly; Emily Peel; Pittakis family; Elise Schumann; Margaret Talbot; grave of Lucy Tredgold; Mr and Mrs Yorke; Baciocchi; Bazaire; Chiers; Jules Fane; General and Mme Fleury; Emile de Girardin; Cte de Morny and wife; Persigny; Rochefort.

Also various other photographs, including: Alpine scenes; shooting parties; the Caribbean; yachts; Pregny; Japanese gardener; Middle East scenes; winter sports; pets. [000/1586]

Album of photographs of members of the Rothschild family, c.1860s–1870s. The album cover is decorated with mother-of-pearl and bears the monogram 'MG', [Margarethe Gramont]. Most of the photographs in the album are of Margarethe's sisters and their children. One photograph of Baron James de Rothschild does not appear elsewhere in the Archive's collection. [000/1571]

Rothschild family interests

Three black and white photographs of the Ospedale Carlo Adolfo de Rothschild in Naples. [000/1606]

Invitation to a public meeting to express horror at the treatment of the Jews in Russia, chaired by Lord Rothschild, Queen's Hall, Langham Place, 8 January 1906. [000/1580]

Items relating to members of the Rothschild family

Certificates of membership for a number of learned societies in the name of Walter Rothschild and the Tring Museum including The Hungarian Ornithological Society (11 February 1898); The Entomological Society, Itzehoe-Hude, Germany (10 January 1900); The Entomological Club, Berlin (9 October 1906); The Belgian Entomological Society, Berlin (7 October 1893), also certificate of award of the Victoria Medal for Horticulture from The Royal Horticultural Society (26 October 1897). [000/1627]

Broadsheets, in Hebrew, announcing the deaths of two members of the Rothschild family, probably produced in Palestine. The first is for Simon Wolf Rothschild, the Hebrew name for Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild, (1828–1901); the second for Edmond de Rothschild (1845–1934), with overprinted Ottoman stamp. [000/1604]

Rothschild business

1910 450 million franc Imperial Japanese government 4% bond, issued by de Rothschild frères. The bond is for 500 francs, series 8, no.105308, with a surviving additional sheet of coupons. [000/1639]