

Principal acquisitions

1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007

This list is not comprehensive but attempts to record 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 entry.

Business records transferred from N M Rothschild & Sons

Loans Department. Various papers relating to the business dealings of N M Rothschild & Sons with Brazil. The collections include a bundle of specimen listing forms for Brazilian bond issues relating to loans between 1883 and 1931 and a bound notebook entitled 'Brazilian Funding 1931' and various loose leaf items inserted into the volume.
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Bullion Department. Ledger entitled, 'Record of gold movements to and from the Bank of England from the restoration of the gold standard, April 1925 to September 1931'.
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'Silver & copper daily prices 1916–1931'.
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Bookkeepers Department. Two ledgers, reference 33/1-2, marked 'Salaries and Pensions', covering 1915 to c.1935, listing employees and their salaries, bonuses, pensions etc., together with date of birth and year of entering service.
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Ledgers covering charity payments, salaries, wages, and other office charges, 1917–1947.
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Accounts Current Department. Accounts Current no.8: 1/7/14-44, 1922–1947; Accounts Current R and RX: 1/2/32-54, 1916–1955.
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American Department. American Railways Dividend Account: 11/16/23; American Dividend Account: 11/16/24-27; Foreign Dividends: 11/16/28-37, 11/16/23-37, 1918–1956.
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Private Accounts Department. A volume listing underwriting transactions, January 1946–February 1958. Memorandum on accounting practice for underwriting commission is pasted on inside cover.
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Files relating to the rebuilding of the London bank's premises at New Court, 1962–1965, including: partners' memoranda, reports, correspondence with and regarding contractors, plans and photographs of the rebuilt New Court; letters of thanks from the bank's pensioners to Mr Edmund de Rothschild for the silver commemorative medal 1965; messages of good wishes to the partners of the bank on the re-opening of New Court, 5 July 1965.
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Documents relating to the Rothschild branch office in Manchester, including files of papers regarding the opening in 1964 and the premises at 3 York Street and material relating to the 25th anniversary of the branch in 1989.
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Records relating to Rothschild pensioners. Royal Mint Refinery form for employees giving consent to being searched. Signed by George Hendley, 6 June 1935, and with photograph of Mr Hendley affixed together with some information about the employee.
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Rothschild business

A bond issued by the Banque des Etats-Unis, and signed by or on behalf of Alphonse de Rothschild, de Rothschild frères acting as paying agents. The original bond appears to have been issued in 1839 as part of a process of liquidation; this document is a continuation of that bond and was issued in July 1859.
[000/1761]

Reproductions of documents relating to the award of diploma of Medjidie to John Rudolf Lorent, Rothschild agent in Egypt, by the Khedive in 1879. The material includes a copy of a photograph and a letter sent to Lorent by Khedive Mehmet, 1880.
[000/1727]

Materials relating to a tribute given in 1933 to Paul-Emile Javary on his retirement as managing director of the Chemin de fer du Nord railway company.
[000/1742]

Letter of introduction for Richard Twining, signed 'NM Rothschild' to Messrs Oppenheim & Co., Cologne, 9 July 1827 relating to Mr Twining's tour of the continent for 'amusement', together with a letter from a clerk at New Court enclosing the letter of introduction.
[000/1644]

Letter of introduction for a Mr Beer from Salomon Mayer von Rothschild (1774–1855) to Rudolf Rt. von Vivenot (1807–1884) asking that he be recommended to Count Czernin, 31 January [n.d.].
[000/1645]

Photocopy of the cash book of Rothschild agent in San Francisco, Benjamin Davidson, 1853–1862, as well as his account book, 1853–1860, showing property transactions and clients' accounts.

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Letter dated 31 May 1837, addressed to Messrs Stendal, Bevan & Co., Beaufort, South Wales from N M Rothschild & Sons. The writer of the letter seeks permission for Professor Sunner, recommended to the bank by the Austrian Government, to see the iron works for scientific purposes.

[000/1662]

Letter of introduction from M A Rothschild & Söhne, Frankfurt, 27 November 1844, to Dr von Eisenstein, Prague, for their cashier Mr Morris Haarblicher and lawyer Dr Reinganum who will be working for von Greiffenclau.

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The Rothschild family

Letter from Leopold de Rothschild (1845–1917) to Mr H. Smith, 9 August 1890, concerning the purchase of a horse for use as a stallion by Mr J.B. Haggin (one of the founders of Kern County Land Company, California) from Nathaniel, 1st Lord Rothschild.

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A set of reproduced plans of the property at Reichenau an der Rax, Lower Austria, built by Nathaniel von Rothschild (1836–1905), c.1885. The original documents are held at the Rathaus in Reichenau.

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The Lycurgus Cup (Cambridge: [the author], 1954) and *The Nelme Cup* (Cambridge: [the author], 1957) written by Victor, 3rd Lord Rothschild, inscribed by Victor and Tess Rothschild to H.L.A. and Jennifer Hart by whose estate they were presented.

[000/1756]

Title deeds of the Ascott Estate, 1856–1956. The documents relate to land purchased by Leopold de Rothschild (1845–1917), Lionel de Rothschild (1882–1942) and Anthony de Rothschild (1887–1961).

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Letter from James de Rothschild (1792–1868) to Adelina Patti, 6 March 1865, congratulating her on the previous evening's performance when she performed a song composed by his niece, Hannah Mathilde.

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Chant d'Hyménée, composed for the marriage of Albert and Bettina von Rothschild by Samuel David, 1876.

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Album of 84 pen and ink sketches by Annie de Rothschild (1844–1926), executed between c.1860 and 1869. Sketches include: the races, a railway journey to Frankfurt, Torquay, a tea party, holidays to Ireland, including the Punchestown races, Scotland and the Isle of Skye, card playing at Aston Clinton, a ferry from Dover to Calais, Homburg, Switzerland, the Righi, Grimsel Pass, a steamer on Lake Geneva, Zermatt, Lugano and Rome. Subjects of the sketches include Annie, Constance and their parents Louisa and Anthony and Charles Dickens 'reading a chapter from Nicholas Nickleby'.

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Artefacts and illustrations

Framed testimonial presented to Lionel de Rothschild on the occasion of his marriage to Marie Louise Beer, 8 October 1912, to accompany a gift of a pair of silver gilt vases. Given by shopkeepers, including Asprey & Co., Garrard & Co. and J. Veitch & Sons.

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George Cruikshank print, *Manchester in 1851*, showing Market Street and Mosley Street deserted, everyone having gone to the Great Exhibition in London. Mosley Street was the site of Nathan Rothschild's business premises in Manchester in the early years of the 19th century.

[000/1739]

Silver commemorative medal produced to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild and Hannah Mathilde von Rothschild, 8 November 1899 by Die Synagogengemeinde Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft.

[000/1765]

Edouard de Rothschild (1868–1949) depicted in a cartoon by SEM, lithograph, showing him opening a carriage door for Alb[ert] Thomas and saying 'Je suis fauché, mon prince!' as he holds out his cap.

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Photographic materials

Photograph album of actors, actresses, dancers and singers of the Second Empire, compiled by Salomon de Rothschild (1835–1864), including photographs of Adelina Patti, Fanny Essler, Charles Keane.

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Photograph of the Château de Pregny taken by F. Charnaux, Geneva [c.1880].

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Lionel de Rothschild (1808–1879), in oval frame, c.1870.

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Publications

Flyer for the film *Die Rothschilds, Aktien auf Waterloo*, directed by Erich Waschneck, c.1930.

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Lithograph image of Nathan Rothschild by G.E. Madley, 3 Wellington Street, Strand. Presented free with *The Sunday Herald* (no date, c.1836).

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Issue of *Punch* No.873 Vol.34, 3 April 1858 containing a satirical article 'The Passport System', on Lionel de Rothschild becoming an MP.

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Pamphlet entitled, *Bismarck und Rothschild*, Max Bewer, (Dresden, 1891).

[000/1649]

L'Abbaye des Vaux de Cernay, Marcel Aubert (Paris: Éditions Émile-Paul frères, 1931. 174pp., 72 plates). The book includes a history and description of the abbey by Marcel Aubert and a catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance objets d'art from the collection of Henri de Rothschild (1872–1947) by Marcel Aubert and Jean Verrier.

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