

# Principal acquisitions

## 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014

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.

### Rothschild business records

Letter copy books from de Rothschild Frères, Paris.

*Allemand* No. 76, 8 September–11 October 1858; *Allemand* No. 96, 24 August–29 September 1860; *Allemand* No. 98, 6 November–21 December 1860; *Allemand* No. 100, 28 January–23 February 1861; Madrid 6 April–5 August 1864; No. 88, 11 May–22 May 1891; No. 92, 22 June–1 July 1891  
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Exchange of letters between Evelyn de Rothschild and Victor, 3rd Lord Rothschild and former Prime Minister James Callaghan, June 1986, together with an uncashed cheque for twenty shillings.

The exact matter to which this exchange refers is not recorded, but it appears to have been a private joke shared between the correspondents. Evelyn and Victor (on behalf of N M Rothschild & Sons Limited offer the advice ‘ACCEPT THE NOTES’, to which the Rt Hon James Callaghan MP responds with thanks for the advice, enclosing a cheque, drawn on The Midland Bank, Lee Green Branch for the sum of twenty shillings (£1.00), as a token of the service provided, together with the advice ‘I do not doubt that if the partners transact other business in the same prompt manner, the name of Rothschild will become widely known to financial circles in the City of London and even in the continents of Europe and the Americas.’  
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Volumes of special instructions from the private accounts department of N M Rothschild & Sons dated 1889–1926, 1927–50, 1950–7. These volumes contains pasted original and copy letters of instruction from members of the Rothschild family and other individuals concerning financial transactions on their Rothschild accounts, and other matters dealt with on their behalf by N M Rothschild & Sons. 47/1–3  
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### Rothschild family papers

Transferred from the custody of N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

Artefacts and framed items from the offices of the late Leopold de Rothschild, (1927–2012) and items from the New Court vault. The items include framed photographs of yachts, choirs, Courts of Directors of the Bank of England and other business affairs.  
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A collection of files from the Partners’ Room, New Court.

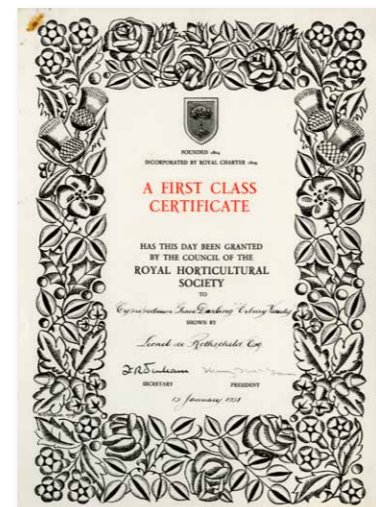
The files contain receipts for personal expenses for Lionel de Rothschild (1882–1942) for household goods and services (insurance, telephone, catering), utilities, food and wine, pharmacy supplies, clothing, motoring supplies, yacht supplies, guns, gardening equipment, plants, flower, seeds, books, camera equipment, cigars, cigarettes, watches, jewellery etc. from 1921–41.  
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A collection of papers concerning the Rothschild family and orchids, primarily 1927–33.

The papers document innovative experiments to cultivate orchids at the Royal Mint Refinery and contain receipt books, lists of plants, correspondence, catalogues and display cards from flower shows. There is also a typescript headed ‘Copy of Baron Edmond de Rothschild’s procedures for the aseptic germination of orchids’.  
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Photocopies of letters from the archives of The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

The letters relate to Lionel de Rothschild (1882–1942) and his work with the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, when George Forrest died whilst on a plant hunting expedition in China. The letters refer to bringing back his seed collections to the UK.  
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### The Rothschild Reserves Archive

Archive of the survey conducted between 1912–5 by The Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves (SPNR).

The SPNR, (founded by Charles Rothschild) conducted the first ever national survey of wildlife sites in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. The resultant documentation for 284 sites (which were to become The Rothschild Reserves) was stored in Rothschild Bank blue envelopes, usually contain a map showing the area in question and relevant correspondence. The archive remained in the offices of the SPNR (later renamed The Wildlife Trusts). In 2012, the survey papers were digitised and are available at: [www.wildlifetrusts.org/aboutthearchive](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/aboutthearchive).  
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Letters signed by James de Rothschild and Amschel de Rothschild.

There are 13 items in this collection which includes some receipts for purchases of stock and a small photograph of Ferrières.  
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Correspondence between Dame Miriam Rothschild and Professor Dianne Edwards, (then editor of the Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society) concerning the article ‘Cannabis sativa: volatile compounds from pollen and entire male and female plants of two variants, Northern Lights and Hawaiian Indica’  
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Collection of books and exhibition catalogues relating to the life of Jacqueline Piatigorsky (née Rothschild), her husband and son.  
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### Estate records

Estate papers and deeds from Ascott House. An extensive collection of documents relating to the development of the Ascott Estate from the sixteenth to the twentieth century.  
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### Printed materials

Broadside issued by the Chief Rabbinate Palestine, in Hebrew, exhorting the community to pray for Baron Edmond de Rothschild, 1934.

Getzel Kressel, *HaYishuv* [‘Father of the Yishuv’], Baron Edmond de Rothschild (1954)  
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Six books belonging to members of the Rothschild family, formerly in the collection at Ascott House, Wing.

J.W. von Goethe, Ein Roman, 1810, with an inscription. Name on verso is ‘Mrs N.M. de Rothschild’; Arthur de Rothschild, *Histoire de la poste aux lettres* (Paris: Librairie Nouvelle, 1875); Hester Rothschild (trans.), *Prayers and Meditations for every situation and occasion of life* (London: P. Vallentine, 1895.)

Inscription on flyleaf reads, ‘To Master Evelyn Achille de Rothschild with best wishes for many very happy returns of the day. From your father’s little friend Willie Tebbitt, January 1899’.  
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Book published in 1843 by Avraham Menachem Mandel Maher to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Mayer Amschel Rothschild. The book is a history of the life of Mayer Amschel Rothschild and his children.  
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Alexandre Weill, *Rothschild und die europäischen Staaten* (Stuttgart, 1844). The text of the book is available on the website of Judaica Frankfurt: [www.sammlungen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/judaicaffm/content/titleinfo/1953498](http://www.sammlungen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/judaicaffm/content/titleinfo/1953498)  
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Hayin Alger and Jacob Cohen Solal, *Conte populaire en judéo-arabe*, (Algeria: Cohen Solal, 1854.) The book contains some references to the philanthropic activities of the Rothschild family.  
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Barnard van Oven, *Ought Baron de Rothschild to sit in Parliament?: an imaginary conversation between Judaeus & Amicus Nobilis*, (London: Effingham, Wilson, 1847). This pamphlet, arguing in favour of Jewish emancipation, was published in the year in which Lionel de Rothschild was first elected as a Liberal representative of the City of London.  
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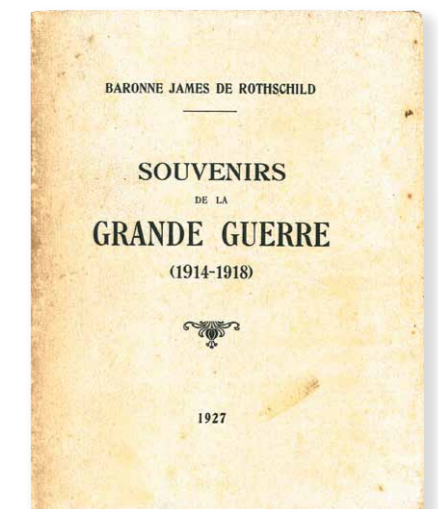
*Gedächtnisrede zur Erinnerung an Freiherrn Wilhelm Karl von Rothschild zu Frankfurt a. M., bei dem in der Synagoge zu Fulda 14 Schwat 5661/3 Februar 1901 veranstalteten Trauergottesdienst / gehalten von D.M. Cabn*, (Frankfurt am Main: J. Kauffmann, 1901). Memorial address for Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild, 1901.

The text of the book is available on the website of Judaica Frankfurt: [www.sammlungen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/freimann/content/titleinfo/5455000](http://www.sammlungen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/freimann/content/titleinfo/5455000)  
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Baronne James de Rothschild (Laura-Thérèse) 1847–1931  
*Souvenirs de la Grande Guerre (1914–1918)* (Macon: Protat Frères, 1927). 215 pp.

Collected memoirs of Baroness James de Rothschild’s nursing service in the military hospitals set up at Gouvieux and Berck-sur-Mer during the first world war. The book contains anecdotes of individual bravery and courage shown by the wounded and their nurses, and is written in tribute to these people.





#### Artefacts

Two war memorials recording the names of the staff of N M Rothschild & Sons who served in World War I and World War II. The first memorial, in wood, was in place in the second New Court building, which was demolished in 1962. When the third New Court building was opened in 1965 a new memorial, in marble, was positioned in the entrance hall.

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Samples of plates and bowls from Rothschild family dinner services, many with the monogram RR (Robert de Rothschild, 1880–1946) or GR (Gustave de Rothschild, 1829–1911). Most of the plates are French porcelain, late nineteenth to mid-twentieth century, made by Jacquelin in Paris and Pillivuyt, Mehun sur Yèvre, Cher and J V Heillard, Bordeaux and Sèvres.

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Metal safe, formerly in the offices of de Rothschild Frères at rue Lafitte, Paris.

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Marble bust of Baron James de Rothschild (1792–1868).

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Two watercolours by Eugène Lami (1800–90), one left unfinished, featuring Gustave de Rothschild and his daughters Juliette and Lucie. One of the watercolours was given to Lucie de Rothschild by the artist on the occasion of her wedding to Baron Lambert.

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#### *Above*

James G. Middleton (fl. 1826–72)

Portrait of Annie and Constance de Rothschild, 1860, oil on canvas.

This painting has been placed with The Rothschild Archive on permanent loan by the trustees of the Anthony Hall, Aston Clinton, where it has been since the early decades of the twentieth century.

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RHS awards won by Lionel de Rothschild for orchids and cymbidiums. RAL 000/2227