

Principal acquisitions

1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

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.



A sample of the letters acquired by the Archive during the year under review. See the description opposite [000/1970].

Family papers

Collection of letters in the hand of Alexandra, Princess of Wales, addressed to Hannah, Lady Rosebery, dating from 1885 to 1887 (see illustration opposite.) The letters are written on the notepaper of Marlborough House and The Princess of Wales' Branch of the National Aid Society (Soudan and Egypt) and relate to the work of the society, and related philanthropic activities. The subjects covered are the provision and equipping of a yacht; fundraising activities, especially through benefit concerts; the management of the central committee; and publicity activities including the casting of a medal and production of a print of a committee meeting. [000/1870]

Pocket account book for D M Davidson, brother of Benjamin Davidson begun January 1st 1847. Includes expenditure on cigars, wagers, china, furniture, hunting, travelling, etc. and notes on events, including the movements of Benjamin Davidson, the election of Lionel de Rothschild, 1847, and the abdication of Louis Philippe, 1848 [1847–1851]. Presented by Professor Giles Constable [000/1822]

Volume of signatures presented by the 'Constituents and friends of the mid division of Buckinghamshire' to Lionel de Rothschild, MP, on the occasion of his marriage to Marie-Louise Beer, 1912. [000/1960]

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One of a series of sketches by Matthew Cook recording the last days of New Court and the construction of the new offices of N M Rothschild & Sons on the same site.

Published works

Transcript of hearing in the House of Lords, related to the case opposing Nathan Mayer Rothschild, appellant, and James Brookman, respondent, on appeal from the High Court of Chancery. [000/1944]

Brochure produced by the Service des Etudes of de Rothschild Frères, entitled *Société minière et métallurgique de Peñarroya*, undated, but c.1957. [000/1954]

Die Sammlung Erich von Goldschmidt-Rothschild (Berlin: Ball und Graupe, 1931). [000/1967]

Doctor A Trousseau, *La Fondation Ophtalmologique Adolphe de Rothschild* (Paris: 1905). [000/1935]

L'Institut de Biologie Physico-chimique fondé par Edmond de Rothschild à Paris from 'Le Miroir du Monde' (Number 51, 21 February 1931). [000/1947]

'L'Illustration' (6 Mai 1905) including *Le nouvel Institut ophtalmologique des Buttes Chaumont à Paris, fondation du baron Adolphe de Rothschild*. [000/1947]

'La Vie Illustré' (22 May 1903) with an article entitled *La Coupe Henri de Rothschild a été gagné par Leon Serpillet*. [000/1947]

'L'Univers Illustré' (12 October 1872) containing illustrations entitled *Les vendanges dans le Medoc: le cuvier de Chateau Lafite; Le diner des vigneron; Le clos de chateau Lafite* and an article by Chantal Martin. [000/1947]

'La Revue Française', Christmas 1951, with an illustrated article entitled *Trésors de la Collection Henri de Rothschild à la Bibliothèque Nationale*, by J. Porcher. [000/1949]

Copy of Newspaper 'L'Auto-Vélo', (20 December 1902) with an article on the Hôpital Henri de Rothschild [000/1950]

Collection of postcards related to the French Rothschild family and the various places in which they lived, worked, and carried out philanthropic activities, including: View of the Fondation A de Rothschild, Maison de Convalescence in Chantilly; Fondation A de Rothschild, Maison de Convalescence in Chantilly; Doctor Calot, head surgeon at the Hôpital Rothschild de Berck, Berck Plage; Berck Plage, Le Château de Rothschild; Ile Rothschild, Suresnes; Place Edmond de Rothschild in Tournan en Brie; Berck Plage, Chalet de Rothschild; Villa Ephrussi, Saint Jean Cap Ferrat. [000/1971]

Photographic items

Five albumen prints showing various views of the Rothschild family houses in Frankfurt. [000/1973]

Photograph album of 5 Hamilton Place, the home of Leopold and Marie de Rothschild, probably dating from the 1890s. [000/1961]

Artwork

A series of drawings by Matthew Cook made during the final days of occupation of New Court by the staff of N M Rothschild & Sons, prior to demolition of the building. The sketches were commissioned to form a record of the site, capture some of the personalities at work in the various offices and chart the development of the new building. The subjects include the offices of the banking division, the staff of the pantry and the security department, the removal of a tapestry from the entrance hall, and the building site after demolition.

