Principal acquisitions
1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010

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.

Collections presented by members of the Rothschild family

Family papers relating to the lives of Leopold and Marie de Rothschild, formerly at Ascott House.

LEOPOLD DE ROTHSCHILD
Album of photographs and prints assembled during a European journey, 1867; presentation from the employees of Hamilton Place, Ascott, Palace House and Gunnersbury Park, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, 22 November 1895; papers relating to his public and military offices, 1880–1912; presentation albums from the Jewish Chronicle and the United Synagogue on his seventieth birthday, 22 November 1915; diary and reminiscences; inventory of plate etc., and other miscellaneous items; papers relating to the war in South Africa, 1899–1902, including details of contributions made to the Red Cross; material relating to the Derby win of his horse, St Amant, 1904; press cuttings at the time of his death, 1917.

LEOPOLD AND MARIE DE ROTHSCHILD
Letters from their sons Lionel, Anthony and Evelyn and their school reports, c.1887–1937; correspondence with family, friends and employees, 1914–1918; material relating to the war, including correspondence, scrapbooks, press cuttings, 1914–1918; letters and other documents relating to their marriage, 19 January 1881; material relating to their silver wedding anniversary, 1906; collection of letters and photographs from and of the Royal family, souvenirs from coronations, jubilees and funerals, 1883–1916; photograph albums of family and friends, racing, foreign travels.

MARIE DE ROTHSCHILD
Diaries 1885–1917; notebooks, photograph albums, 1871–1917; letters from her husband Leopold, 1880–1917; letters from her son Anthony, 1914–1937; letters from her grandchildren Rosemary, Edmund, Naomi and Leo, 1916–1936; letters from her sister Louise Sassoon; letters from Lord Rosebery, Hannah Rosebery, Harry Dalmeny, Neil and Victoria Primrose, Lord and Lady Crewe and Charles and Sybil Grant; letters received in response to family events, 1884–1926; letters received on death of Leopold, 1917; papers relating to her death, 1870–1917

LOUISE SASSOON
Album of photographs, lists of guests, cartoons etc., from Tulchan Lodge.

Portrait of Rozsika Rothschild, née Wertheimstein, London, December 1914, oil on board, Philip de Laszlo.

Jockey’s cap in Rothschild colours by Hermes of Paris, bearing name tag of Baron J [possibly James Armand] de Rothschild.

Watercolour of Gustave de Rothschild at a race meeting talking to a jockey wearing Rothschild colours.

Collections of papers assembled by Baron and Baroness Elie de Rothschild.

Papers relating to the military career of Robert de Rothschild including discharge papers, and a menu for Anglo-French Christmas meal, 1914.

Papers of Elie de Rothschild relating to his time as a prisoner of war in Colditz. The collection contains an account of his capture and interrogation; letters during captivity from family members; documentation prepared for his marriage by proxy to Liliane Fould-Springer.


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Items transferred from the Corporate Records Department, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

Items relating to the political interests of members of the Rothschild family, from the papers of the Partners' Room.

Printed copy of the Register of Electors for the Aylesbury Parliamentary Division of the County of Buckingham, Autumn 1919. (Formerly 18/1)

Volume with manuscript entries entitled 'City Electors list' 1847. (Formerly 18/2)

File containing copies of private telegrams and correspondence with the Brazilian government 1910–1912. (Formerly 224/1)

File of correspondence concerning The Central British Fund for German Jewry, including banking slips and accounting details, 16 May – 28 December 1933. (Formerly 189/1)

Two files of bullion revenue figures, 1934–1935 and 1936–1939. (Formerly 193/2 and 193/3)

Papers relating to the Royal Mint Refinery (Formerly the series 148)

Marble bust of Lionel de Rothschild (1808–1879) by R C Belt, 1880.

Items acquired by gift and purchase

Printed circular announcing the appointment of Anselm von Rothschild (1803–1874) as Austrian Consul General in Frankfurt-am-Main, Vienna, 17 March 1856.

Letters written by or addressed to Salomon von Rothschild including a correspondence between Salomon and his clerks at the Viennese bank about property in the Renngasse, which had been the subject of a bid by the banking house of Sina; letters of thanks to the clerks for their good wishes on various occasions, especially his seventieth birthday in 1844; a letter written from Paris thanking the clerks for their loyalty, which names them as Wertheimstein, Goldschmidt, Goetzl, Seligmann, Zerkowitz, Billhuber, Kehrer, Neustueck, Puzin and Holt. Further letters written by Carl and James de Rothschild.

Four photographs, the work of Yaacov Ben Dov, recording a visit by Baron Edmond de Rothschild to Palestine, 1924.

Portrait study of Miriam Rothschild as a young girl, watercolour by Elsie Burrell signed and dated 1914.

Papers of the late Mrs Jean Neal, née Grant, secretary at New Court 1947–1959 and later to Leopold de Rothschild. The papers include correspondence about Mrs Neal's employment at the bank, her marriage and her social interests as well as a collection of photographs, of members of the Rothschild family and their houses, staff of the bank and the bank's offices.


Printed circular concerning the handling by the Rothschild and Gontard banks in Paris of French indemnity payments to Austria, issued Vienna 21 August 1817.