

And of course there is ‘the book that started it all’, in the words of Nina Burr, Mrs Looram’s daughter, who made the gift of the papers to the Archive. The bound typescript list of the ‘Sammlung Alphons Rothschild’, the inventory of confiscated objects that Mrs Looram used as the starting point in her campaign to recover the family’s art.

As the archivists work more on this collection a full listing will be made available for researchers in the Reading room and on the Archive’s website.

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One of three boxes of cards itemising the collection of Alphonse von Rothschild.  
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## NOTES

- 1 Victor Gray, ‘The return of the Austrian Rothschild Archive’, and Melanie Aspey, ‘Salomon’s Archive’ in *Review of the Year 2001–2002* (London: The Rothschild Archive, 2002). See also Victor Gray *The Return of the Austrian Rothschild Archives* in Patricia Kennedy Grimsted et al. (eds.) ‘Returned From Russia: Nazi archival plunder in Western Europe and recent restitution issues’ (London: Institute of Art and Law, 2007).
- 2 Thomas Trenkler, *Der Fall Rothschild: Chronik einer Enteignung* (Vienna: Molden, 1999).
- 3 Obituary notice for Bettina Looram, *Daily Telegraph*, 30 November 2012.
- 4 *The Collection of the Barons Nathaniel and Albert von Rothschild* (London: Christie’s, 1999).
- 5 RAL 000/793. The collection consists of a number of inventories of the collections of members of the Viennese family.
- 6 I am grateful to Roman Popov of the Rothschild bank in London for his assistance in interpreting some of this material.
- 7 Anthony de Rothschild, London, to Louis von Rothschild, South Royalton, Vermont, copy letter, 28 September 1951, RAL XI/35.

## Principal acquisitions 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013

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 Papers

An agreement between Alexandre Baring, Jacques Laffitte and James de Rothschild, and the Minister of Finance, Joseph de Villèle, Paris, 22 March 1824. The agreement was for the conversion of state bonds from 5 to 3%, which was made possible by the general prudence of Villèle’s administration under Louis XVIII. With the accession of Charles X to the throne in 1824, a series of measures were taken in favour of the nobility. Villèle suggested that the funds generated by the conversion be used to indemnify by a billion francs (le milliard des émigrés) those whose possessions had been confiscated during the Revolution.

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A collection of letters, 46 items in total, mainly in the hand of James de Rothschild (1792–1869) and his immediate family. The majority of the letters are addressed to administrators and board members of la Compagnie du Chemin de fer du Nord, of which James de Rothschild was a founder member.

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Plans, correspondence and other papers concerning the redevelopment of the premises of the Bank of de Rothschild Frères, rue Laffitte, Paris, 1956–1965.

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### Right

Gardeners by the fountain in the Kitchen Garden, Aston Clinton, 1897.

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Volumes of accounts from various series kept by N M Rothschild & Sons including American Accounts, series 11/3, 1921–1945; General and Home Ledgers, series VI/10, 1915–1953. A total of 205 volumes.

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Mounted list of New Court staff serving in the Great War, entitled ‘New Court – 1914 – In His Majesty’s Service.’ The list comprises 29 names, plus two members of staff ‘Serving in the French Army’. Members of the Rothschild family serving with the Royal Bucks Hussars are Lionel de Rothschild MP, Major; Evelyn de Rothschild, Captain; Anthony de Rothschild, Lieutenant.

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### Family papers

Additional items from the estate of Baron and Baronne Elie de Rothschild, supplementing the major accession made in February 2012.

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Papers of Leopold de Rothschild, CBE (1927–2012). The collection includes records of his business activities, musical interests, charitable activities and personal papers.

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Papers from the estate of Bettina Looram, née Rothschild. The collection includes numerous files from the Nazi administration relating to the collections of art looted from the Rothschild family; lists of pensioners and rules of pensions funds for the Viennese bank and for

estates in Austria and Schillersdorf; complete description of the works of art in the collection of Louis von Rothschild in the form of schedules, inventories and index cards; photographs of the items in the collection; sample share certificates.

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### Estate records

Photograph album of Aston Clinton: Mr Warren’s photograph album, compiled c.1897–1903 by William Hedley Warren, head gardener at Aston Clinton. It includes photos of the exterior of the house, grounds and gardeners. Most are uncaptioned, giving only the date or brief indication of the location. The album includes photos of the village, including the church and gardener’s cottage and views taken of the locality.

Other photographs show members of the Warren family. Also included in this accession is a folder of research notes by Rosemarie Storr of Aston Clinton, detailing her research into the Warren family.

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### Printed materials

Programme for The Wildlife Trusts' Centenary Event, 16 May 2012, held at the Natural History Museum, London. The programme contains notes on the presentation of 'The Charles and Miriam Rothschild Medal'.

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Bound red leather volume commemorating a dinner given for Baron Philippe de Rothschild OBE in the cellars of Hedges & Butler Limited, Regent Street London by Alan Walker Esq, Chairman Bass Charrington Limited, Tuesday 24th July 1973. The volume contains a brief history of Château Mouton-Rothschild, poems, a guest list, wine list, menu and illustrations. The back page is signed 'to the Mouton lover Peter Quennell, Philippe'.

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Article by M.G. Debre, architect from *L'Architecture* magazine about the Institut de biologie physico-chimique, founded by the Fondation Edmond de Rothschild. Dating from c.1930, the year of the foundation of the institute, the article contains floor plans and numerous photographs of the building.

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Collection of press cuttings and other ephemera previously kept in Château Lafite. Subjects covered include the Rothschild family's philanthropic activities; biographical articles; interviews with family members etc., 1922–1982.

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Scrap book of newspaper cuttings and notes covering the period 1935–1971 which were collected by a member of staff of the bank in London. Subjects covered include the gold market, loans and Rothschild business interests.

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Copy of *Le Journal Illustré*, Sunday 2 April 1876, with an engraved illustration 'Le mariage de mademoiselle de Rothschild au Temple de la rue la Victoire' describing the marriage of Bettina de Rothschild and Albert von Rothschild.

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Copy of *La Nature Héredite*, no.2821, 15 November 1929 featuring an article on the Theatre Pigalle.

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*L'Assiette au Canard*, a satirical publication dated 31 January 1968. The title is 'Les Rothschild 68'. The cover features a caricature a Guy de Rothschild with Georges Pompidou and a smaller caricature of Général de Gaulle, drawn into a coin which bears the Rothschild motto and the dates 1817–1968. The nickel business of New Caledonia features prominently.

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### Images

Engraving of the Rothschild hospital in Geneva, date unknown

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Photographs of the demolition of the 1962 New Court Building taken by the McGee Group Limited, contractors undertaking the demolition.

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Colour postcard of Fondation Opthamologique de Rothschild, Rue Manin, Paris, c.1910

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Black and white postcard of Chantilly (Oise) Maison de convalescence Alphonse de Rothschild

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Postcard of St Amant, owned by Leopold de Rothschild. St Amant won the Derby in 1904.

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### Artefacts

Bronze medal struck to commemorate the 70th birthday of Salomon von Rothschild, 1844. This medal has been mounted in a plaster plaque, entitled 'Industrie'. Presumed to be one of a set, the others being 'Concordia' and 'Integritas'

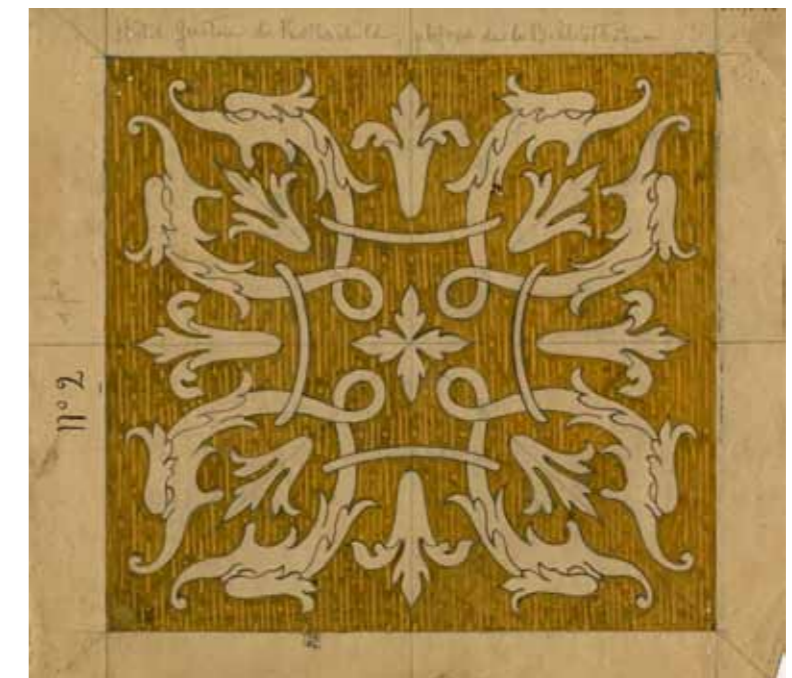
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Plaque designed by Rene Lalique and awarded to Lionel de Rothschild who, in his English boat *Flying Fish*, won the Perla del Mediterraneo competition, 1907.

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Design for a ceiling tile for library of Gustave de Rothschild. Watercolour on paper 31 x 33cm (*below*)

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### Opposite

Plaque designed by René Lalique and awarded to Lionel de Rothschild who, in his English boat *Flying Fish*, won the Perla del Mediterraneo competition in 1907.

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