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Sources for sporting history: St Amant winner of the Derby: 1904

## Rothschild Timeline

### Chronology c.1450 to the present day

Selected milestones in the history of the family and key dates in the history of the development of the Rothschild businesses are detailed here. Click on a year date to reveal further information about the events that shaped history; a relevant image will also appear at the top of the page.

1450s

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#### The first identified Rothschild ancestor in Frankfurt

In 1973, under the direction of Victor, 3rd Lord Rothschild, a detailed Rothschild family tree was commissioned which traced the family back to 'Uri Feibesh' in 1450. The primary sources for the first ten generations of the 1973 family tree were 'Die Inschriften des alten Friedhofs der israelitischen Gemeinde zu Frankfurt A.M.' by M. Horovuitz (J .Kauffmann, Frankurt a.M.); the Memorbuch of the Frankfurt Jewish Community (National Library, Jerusalem); the Burial Society Record of the Frankfurt Jewish Community (sefer ha-Kabranim) and the Parish Registers in the State Archives of Wiesbaden.

1530s

1530

House of the 'Red Shield' built in Frankfurt

1650s

1650s

First evidence of the name 'Rothschild' in records

1740s

1744

Mayer Amschel Rothschild born in Frankfurt

1750s

1757

Mayer Amschel Rothschild apprenticed at Oppenheimer Bank

1760s

1769

Mayer Amschel Rothschild becomes Court Agent to the  
Principality of Hesse-Hanau

1770s

1773

Birth of Amschel Mayer Rothschild

1774

Birth of Salomon Mayer Rothschild

1777

Birth of Nathan Mayer Rothschild

1780s

1785

Rothschild family move into the 'House of the Green Shield'

1788

Birth of Carl Mayer Rothschild

1790s

1792

Birth of James Rothschild

1796

The first Rothschild family partnership

1798

Nathan Rothschild leaves Frankfurt for Manchester

## 1800s

1800

Mayer Amschel Rothschild granted title of Imperial Crown Agent

1806

The first Rothschild client: The Elector of Hesse Cassel

1809

Rothschilds first deal in bullion

## 1810s

1810

James Rothschild joins the family Partnership

1810

N M Rothschild established in London

1812

Amschel Mayer Rothschild assumes control of the Frankfurt house

1812

James de Rothschild establishes de Rothschild Frères

1814

The Rothschilds supply gold to Wellington

1815

News of the English victory at Waterloo reaches New Court

1818

First major loan business: the Prussian Government 5% Loan

## 1820s

1821

Salomon Rothschild arranges loans to Prince Metternich

1821

Carl Rothschild sets up in Naples

1822

The Rothschild brothers are made Barons

1824

Bankers to Brazil: the Brazilian 5% Loan

1824

Alliance Assurance Company founded

1825

Rothschilds save the Bank of England

## 1830s

1834	N M Rothschild appointed Bankers to the United States in Europe
1835	Rothschilds begin their involvement with Almadén
1836	Death of Nathan Mayer Rothschild: Lionel Nathan de Rothschild leads the London house
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1838	Earliest Rothschild trade with China
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1839	Salomon von Rothschild builds Austria's first railway
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1840s	
1841	Rothschild cousins and Ceylon tea
1843	Salomon Rothschild buys the Witkowitz (Vítkovice) ironworks
1845	de Rothschild Frères finances the Nord line
1846	Rothschilds raise Irish famine relief funds
1848	Anslem Salomon von Rothschild takes over the Viennese house
1849	Gold in California: establishment of a Rothschild agency in San Francisco
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1850s	
1850	The London bank uses the new communications services of Reuters
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1851	Mayer Rothschild builds Mentmore Towers
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1852	Foundation of the Hôpital Fondation de Rothschild, Paris
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1852	Advisers to Royalty
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1852	Acquisition of the San Rafael Ironworks
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1852	Establishment of the Royal Mint Refinery

- 1853 | James de Rothschild builds Château de Ferrières
- 1853 | Nathaniel de Rothschild buys Château Brane Mouton
- 1855 | Mayer Carl and Wilhelm Carl become joint partners in the Frankfurt house
- 1857 | The American Banking Crisis
- 1857 | Adolphe de Rothschild builds Château de Pregny
- 1858 | Lionel de Rothschild takes his seat in Parliament

## 1860s

- 1860 | First rebuilding of New Court
- 1863 | Closure of the Naples business
- 1868 | James de Rothschild buys Château Lafite
- 1868 | Alphonse de Rothschild assumes control of the Paris house
- 1869 | Opening of the Evelina Hospital, London
- 1869 | Alfred de Rothschild appointed as a Director of the Bank of England

## 1870s

- 1870 | Foundation of the Hôpital Rothschild, Berck Plage-sur-mer
- 1871 | 'The Baron's Year': pre-eminence on the turf
- 1872 | The first Channel Tunnel project begins
- 1873 | The Rothschilds become shareholders in Rio Tinto
- 1874 | Salomon Albert Anselm takes over the Viennese house
- 1875 | Foundation of the Clementine Hospital, Frankfurt
- 1875 | Lionel de Rothschild funds the 'Suez' purchase
- 1879 | Nathaniel Mayer Rothschild becomes Senior Partner

## 1880s

1881	The French Rothschilds co-found the mining company, Peñarroya
1882	The Bengal and North Western Railway Loan
1883	The French Rothschilds establish the mining company, Société Le Nickel
1884	Ferdinand de Rothschild entertains at Waddesdon Manor
1885	Nathaniel Rothschild created the first Jewish peer
1885	Creation of the Four Percent Industrial Dwellings Company Ltd
1886	Formation of The Exploration Company
1886	N M Rothschild & Sons arrange finance for the Manchester Ship Canal
1886	de Rothschild Frères develops interests in Russian oil
1887	Rothschilds finance the establishment of De Beers
1889	Burma Ruby Mines Limited share issue

## 1890s

1890	Walter, 2nd Lord Rothschild creates his natural history museum
1890	The Baring Crisis
1892	South African Republic (Transvaal) 5% Loan for public works
1894	Nathaniel von Rothschild credited with introducing the sport of football to Austria
1896	Burma Railway Loan
1897	The Pekin Syndicate

## 1900s

1900	Establishment of the Rhodes Scholarships
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1901	Closure of the Frankfurt Bank
1902	An 'entertaining' client list
1904	St Amant wins the Derby
1905	Béatrice Ephrussi builds the villa Ile-de-France
1905	Edouard Alphonse de Rothschild takes control of de Rothschild Frères
1905	The Fondation Ophthalmologique Adolphe de Rothschild opens in Paris
1907	Lionel de Rothschild wins 'La perla del Mediterraneo'
1907	Loans to Japan
1908	Birth of Miriam Rothschild
1908	Lionel de Rothschild experiments with autochromes

## 1910s

1910	Birth of Victor, 3rd Lord Rothschild
1911	Lord Rothschild declines to insure The 'Titanic'
1911	The three Rothschild sons manage the Vienna bank
1912	The Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves survey
1914	The Aston Clinton Hill Climb

1915	New Court and the First World War
1915	Alfred de Rothschild becomes Senior Partner
1917	The Balfour Declaration
1917	Evelyn de Rothschild and Anthony de Rothschild become Partners
1918	Charles Rothschild, scientist and organiser, becomes Senior Partner
1919	The first Gold Fixing takes place at New Court

## 1920s

1923	Lionel Nathan de Rothschild becomes Senior Partner
1923	Baron Edmond de Rothschild establishes the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association
1924	Rothschild philanthropy in Frankfurt
1925	Gunnersbury Estate becomes a public park
1924	Economic reconstruction in Europe: Hungarian bonds
1928	N M Rothschild & Sons finances expansion of London's Underground railways
1929	Henri de Rothschild opens the Theatre Pigalle

## 1930s

1931	N M Rothschild & Sons respond to the Creditanstalt crisis
1933	Support for Jewish refugees
1934	The fabulous Rothschild Hispano-Suizas
1936	Lionel de Rothschild and The Roads Beautifying Association
1937	Mr Eddy's Round-the-World tour
1937	N M Rothschild & Sons and the nationalisation of the French railways
1938	The Rothschilds leave Vienna

1939	The Royal Mint Refinery helps the war effort
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## 1940s

1940	Members of the French family leave France on 'Mendes' visas
1940	Rothschilds in the United States
1941	New Court survives the blitz
1942	Anthony Gustav de Rothschild becomes Senior Partner



- 1946 | Château Mouton 'Victory Year' wine label
- 1946 | The French Rothschilds acquire Paris Orléans
- 1947 | Edmund de Rothschild becomes a Partner
- 1948 | Business resumes with Japan
- 1949 | Guy de Rothschild becomes head of the French bank

## 1950s

- 1950 | Guy de Rothschild becomes president of the Compagnie du Chemin de Fer Nord
- 1953 | Rothschilds finance development of natural resources in Newfoundland and Labrador
- 1956 | N M Rothschild & Sons establishes the Merchant Bank of Central Africa
- 1956 | Leopold de Rothschild becomes a Partner
- 1957 | James and Dorothy de Rothschild give Waddesdon Manor to the nation
- 1958 | Dorothy de Rothschild establishes Yad Hanadiv
- 1959 | N M Rothschild & Sons sets up its first unit trust
- 1959 | Evelyn de Rothschild becomes a Partner

## 1960s

- 1960 | Edmund de Rothschild becomes Senior Partner of the London house
- 1960 | N M Rothschild & Sons: first non-Rothschild partner appointed
- 1961 | Rothschilds and Chile
- 1963 | Edmond de Rothschild forms La Compagnie Financière
- 1963 | Jacob Rothschild becomes a Partner

1964	Rothschild returns to Manchester
1965	The London bank occupies new offices
1966	The Knesset ceremony of dedication takes place
1967	Sale of the Royal Mint Refinery
1967	Creation of Banque Rothschild; rebuilding of the French bank offices
1967	N M Rothschild & Sons finance the Rio de Janeiro-Niteroi Bridge
1968	Creation of Rothschild Bank AG

## 1970s

1970	N M Rothschild & Sons becomes a limited company
1971	N M Rothschild & Sons first involvement in privatisation
1973	N M Rothschild & Sons Limited advise Rolls-Royce
1973	Mr Edmund de Rothschild awarded the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure
1973	Rothschild Asset Management Limited is established
1973	N M Rothschild & Sons Limited finance railways in Hong Kong
1974	Banque Rothschild establishes Imétal
1975	Victor, 3rd Lord Rothschild becomes Chairman
1979	N M Rothschild & Sons advise on developmental projects in China
1976	Evelyn de Rothschild becomes Chairman of N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

## 1980s

1980	Jacob Rothschild establishes RIT
1982	Nationalisation of the French bank
1983	Relaunch of Rothschild's French activities through Paris Orléans
1984	Privatisation of British Telecom

1984	Rothschild advise on the flotation of Reuters
1986	Privatisation of British Gas
1986	Creation of Rothschild & Cie
1987	Sale of British Petroleum
1988	Rothschild appointed financial adviser to the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation
1988	Privatisation of British Steel
1989	Rothschild banking returns to Frankfurt
1989	Water company privatisation

## 1990s

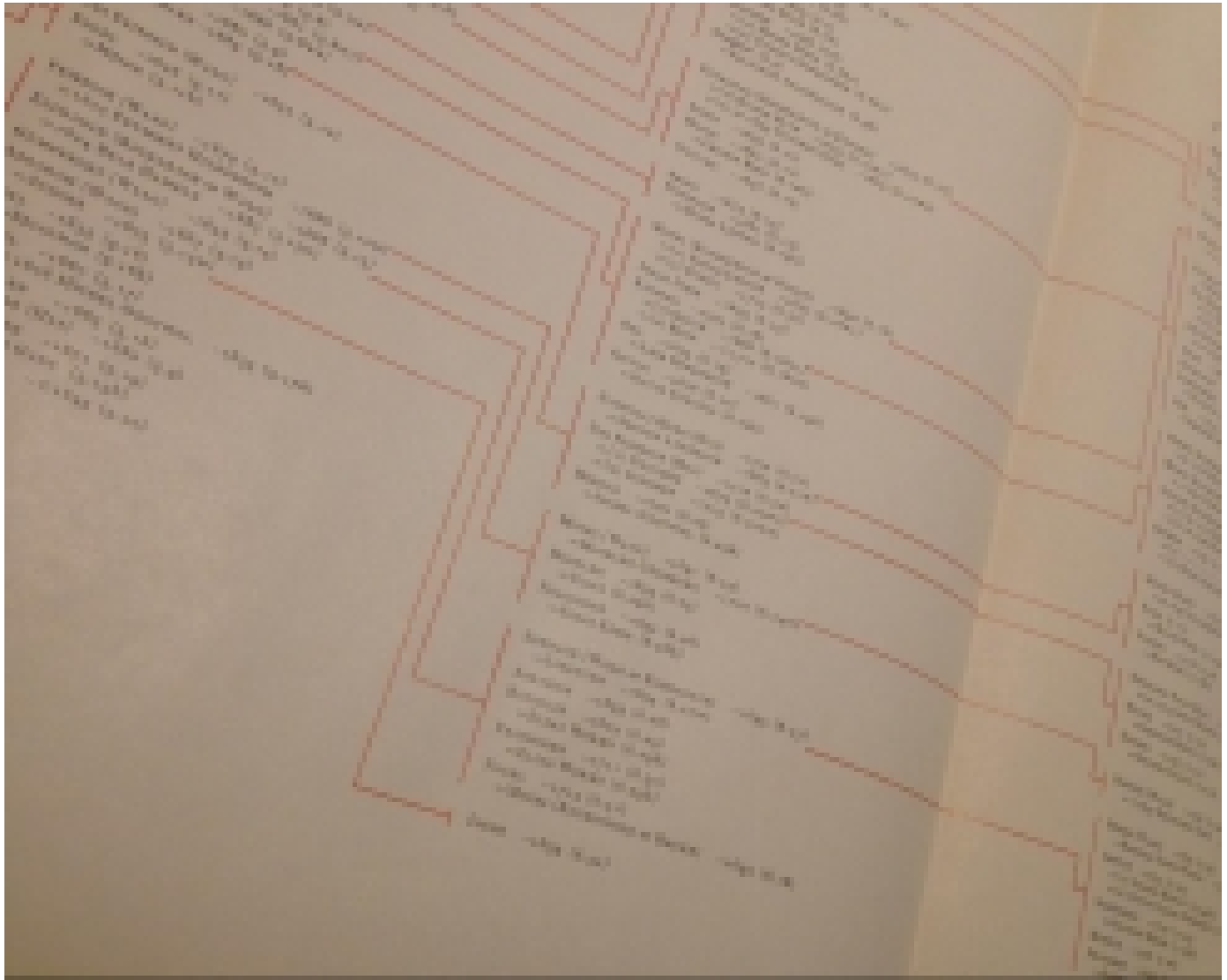
1990	Electricity privatisation
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1990	N M Rothschild & Sons Limited opens Denver office
1992	Inauguration of the new Supreme Court building, Israel
1993	N M Rothschild & Sons Limited advise on the restructuring of the British railway industry
1993	Rothschild reopened the dormant Eurosterling convertible bond market
1993	Rothschild advises Peel Holdings on the acquisition of shares in The Manchester Ship Canal Company
1993	Creation of 'The Rothschild Collection' of historic gold and silver bars by N M Rothschild & Sons (Australia)
1994	Sale of British Coal
1996	Memorandum of Understanding with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

1996	Rothschild forms a joint venture with ABM AMRO
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1997	Rothschild appointed by HM Prison Service to advise on financing of new prisons
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1998	Rothschild Australia Limited begins to trade as a bank
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2000s	
2000	N M Rothschild & Sons Limited develop 3G licence auctions
2001	Rothschild becomes the leading adviser on UK takeovers worth less than £250 million
2003	N M Rothschild & Sons: 'Bank of the Year'
2003	Unification of the French and English Rothschild businesses
2003	David de Rothschild becomes Rothschild Group Chairman
2004	End of the Gold Fixing at New Court
2008	Fourth rebuilding of New Court
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2010s	
2010	The 'Plastiki' crosses the Pacific
2010	Rothschild advise Zhejiang Geely on the acquisition of Volvo Car Corporation
2011	Domaines Barons de Rothschild develops its first Chinese vineyard
2011	N M Rothschild & Sons Limited becomes Rothschild Group
2012	Bicentenary of the arrival of James de Rothschild in Paris
2012	New Court shortlisted for the 2012 RIBA Stirling Prize
2015	Rothschild advise Network Rail
2015	Rothschild advise on the sale of the 'Financial Times'
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2015	Rebranding to Rothschild & Co.
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2015	Ariane de Rothschild appointed CEO, Edmond de Rothschild Group
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2016	Rothschild & Co establishes Chicago office
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2017	Rothschild & Co completes merger with Compagnie Financière Martin Maurel
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2017	Rothschild & Co opens a new wholly owned subsidiary in Tokyo
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2017	Rothschild & Co opens a San Francisco Bay Area office
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2017	Rothschild & Co advises Notting Hill Housing on £400m bond issue
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2018	Alexandre de Rothschild becomes Executive Chairman, Rothschild & Co
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2018	Rothschild & Co. sells its Trust Services division
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2018	Rothschild & Co advises on the sale of Wembley Stadium
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2019	The Rothschild family sell their last link with Austria after 200 Years
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2019	Rothschild & Co provides debt advice to The All England Lawn Tennis Ground on its £200m bank refinancing
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2020s	
2020	Rothschild & Co advises on sale of shareholdings in the world's largest offshore wind farm project

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The family tree of 1973.

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