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BACKGROUND: Jill spent the first part of her career teaching at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Shipbuilding in Split, Yugoslavia (now Croatia). During that last tenure, she was a contract employee of the U.S. Department of State and a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship. Upon returning to the US, she spent 10 years in marketing before returning to her first love of academics and foreign languages by training as a genealogist with Miriam Weiner, one of the foremost leaders in Jewish genealogy.

Since 1991, Jill has worked as a genealogist tracing family histories, specializing in United States and Eastern European research. During that time she has built a strong network of professionals both in the United States and abroad with whom she works and consults.

She has lived in Canada, Israel, Poland and the former Yugoslavia. She has traveled extensively in the US, Eastern and Western Europe, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Eastern and Southern Africa, Egypt, Israel, Japan, China and most recently, Australia, New Zealand and French Polynesia.

Jill has knowledge of written Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Slovak, Czech, French, Spanish and Serbo-Croatian and uses these languages to decipher records from those countries.

EDUCATION: Jill has two B.S. Degrees from Georgetown University, one in Russian and one in Linguistics. Her Masters Degree is in Applied Linguistics. She has also done graduate work in marketing, including a certificate program in consumer marketing from the Wharton School of Business.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: During the past 25 years, she has found over 2,000 documents for her clients. These documents date back as early as 1790 and cover such diverse areas as Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary, Israel and many states in the US. She uses several different genealogy software programs as well as many types of current technology to achieve the best results for her clients.