

**Who:** Alex  
**From:** Wales  
**When:** 2000



On 25th October 1996, I was born at Withybush Hospital in Wales. I lived there for three years of my life, until my parents decided they wanted a change. They wanted a better lifestyle and to live in a better place to raise children so we left our family and friends and came to New Zealand.

My Dad's father came to Britain from Germany in 1938, on route to Australia before the Second World War. He was offered a job in Wales and stayed, which later brought him to meeting the Queen.

My Grandma left Germany in 1947, because she married a British soldier. She got divorced and later met and married my Grandpa. They still live there today.

My Mum's parents both lived and were born in Cardiff, Wales. They had a family of six children, including my mum. In 1995 and 1996 they passed away, shortly before I was born. I never met them but often visit their grave when we travel to Wales. Their ancestors were British as well, a long way back, originally from England.

My parents met at university and later got married, before moving to West Wales, running a boatyard and starting a family. When I was a year old, my family came to New Zealand to explore, leaving me with my Godparents. They came back loving New Zealand and everything about it and decided to move here.

On New Year's Day 2000 we flew to New Zealand, bringing furniture from our old home. On this day, people were scared that all the computers would crash, because they could not count up to the number 2000. They thought it would cause the plane's computers and navigation to stop. Fortunately, this did not happen and we were all right.

All of our family are still in Britain, but we regularly travel to see them. Many of our relatives have come to see us in New Zealand and really like it as well. We have been living here for nearly a decade now and are sure we will still be for many generations.

