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REACHES EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR**Cyrus Fairfield Celebrates Anniversary Today.**

Cyrus K. Fairfield, accredited with having lived in the city of Fort Wayne for second the longest period of continuous residence, today is celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday. Fairfield, who is the last living member of his family with the exception of a daughter living in Long Island, makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, 1117 Cottage avenue.

Mr. Fairfield, still young in spirit and able to go about the city with no aid whatever, called at the News and Sentinel office this morning for his annual visit. "Only one man has lived here longer than I have," he said, and added, "and that's Abe Barnett. I came here eighty-four and a half years ago, from Maine, where I was born six months before. My father, Asa Fairfield, was one of the first settlers of Fort Wayne. He built the first boat on the old canal."

Mr. Fairfield claims his longevity is due to his abstinence from all things intemperate. "I have never even tasted coffee or tea, and I don't know what any kind of liquor is like. I have never smoked a cigar or used tobacco in any form."

In celebrating his eighty-fifth

birthday, Mr. Fairfield also celebrates another epoch in his life. For forty-six years he has been a continuous member of the local I. O. O. F. and is still able to regularly attend meetings. Mr. Fairfield, also a member of the Morton club, told of his experience in attending banquets of that organization and his difficulty in making a meal out of the menu when everything he didn't eat was served.

Mr. Fairfield will be entertained with a small dinner party Sunday at the Miller home in honor of his birthday and that of Mrs. Miller, which happens to be celebrated at the same time.