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**Adolphus Vincent Hombach**, senior member of the firm of **Hombach & Sons**, proprietors of the marble works, Newport, Perry County, Pa.

**William Louis Hombach**, father of **Adolphus V.**, was born in Prussia, studied medicine in Berne and Berlin, and became an able and successful practitioner. He emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore, first practiced four years at Jefferson, York County, Pa., and subsequently removed to McSherrystown, Adams County, where he was in practice forty two years, and where he died in 1864, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He married **Miss Eve Ax**, a native of Germany, and she survived him ten years. Their children are: **Charles**, read medicine with his father for nine years and practiced at McSherrystown, Pa., until his death, which occurred in 1877; **Caroline (Mrs. John Busby)**, of Adams County, Pa.; **Mary (Mrs. Small)**, of Adams County; **Louisa (Mrs. F. X. Smith)**, of Adams County; **Adolphus V.**; **Clara (Mrs. John A. Poist)**, of Adams County; **Josephine (Mrs. Harry Althoff)**, of Adams County; **William**, served four years in the late war, died at McSherrystown, July 10, 1889; and **Louis**, who died young.

**Adolphus Vincent Hombach** was born at Berlin, Prussia, October 14, 1838, and when nine months old was brought by his parents to America. He first attended the public schools at McSherrystown, and afterwards pursued a course of study at the Oxford College, Adams County, Pa., upon the completion of which he read medicine with his father and brother for two and a half years. Not being inclined to the medical profession, he abandoned his preparation for it, and served an apprenticeship of three years at marble cutting, at McSherrystown, Pa., after which he worked at his trade as a journeyman at Baltimore for two and a half years. At first his wages were \$1.25 per day, but they were advanced to \$2.50 per day. From Baltimore he returned to McSherrystown and began the marble business, with **Mr. Kerr** as his partner. This partnership continued for four years; then the business was sold, and **Mr. Hombach** embarked in the same business at Harrisburg. After three years he sold this interest also, and in 1866, came to Newport where he worked with **S. H. Brubaker** as a journeyman for one year, and after that bought the place and began business for himself, in which he has since continued. He has also a branch shop at Port Royal, Juniata County, Pa. For some years he has had his sons associated with him in the business. **Mr. Hombach** is a free silver Democrat. He was formerly a member of the K. of P., but has severed his connection with that order.

**Adolphus V. Hombach** was married at Newport, Pa., June 6, 1866, to **Miss Katura Priscilla Miller**, of Pfoutz Valley, Perry County, Pa., daughter of **Jacob** and **Sarah (Pfoutz) Miller**. Their children are: **William**, died at Lincoln, Neb., where he was pursuing his studies in preparation for the ministry in the Methodist Church; **Paul Rider Hombach**, in business with his father; **Walter**; **Francis**, **Bessie**, and **Adolphus**, all died young. **Mr. Hombach** is a member of the Methodist Church, and has served as president of the board of trustees for sixteen years.

**Paul Rider Hombach**, son of **Adolphus V.**, was born in Newport, Perry County, Pa., in 1871. He attended the public schools until he was fifteen years of age, when he learned marble cutting

with his father, with whom he has continued to the present time. In 1889, he was admitted to partnership in his father's business. His political views are Democratic. He is a member of the K. G. E., and of the I. O. O. F., at Newport. On December 6, 1894, he was married to **Carrie G.**, daughter of **T. J.** and **Annie E. (Bair) White**, who died April 27, 1897. She was a lovely Christian woman, a devout member of the Methodist Church, and dearly beloved by all who knew her.

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