

Angeline Coolidge

(- 15 Sep 1850)

Coolidge. Departed this life, on Sunday, the 15th instant, in the 29th year of her age, Mrs. Angeline Coolidge, wife of Dr. Richard H. Coolidge, U.S. Army. The friends and acquaintances of the family are requested to attend her funeral this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from St. John's Church.

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Angeline

In the Congressional Burial Ground is a tombstone on which is inscribed simply 'Angeline' and 'other refuge have I none.'

Other refuge have I none --
Carve ye this on my headstone,
This, and my poor name alone,
Angeline -- plain Angeline;
And I ask no text divine
To illustrate life of mine;
Neither gloss Death's truth nor garble;
Simply on the milk-white marble
Write -- and should some tone bird warble
The same sadness, in the gray
Of the clamoured eye, I pray
That ye drive it not away,
But permit its music moan
Utterance for the dead-cold stone,--
"Other refuge have I none"

Angeline: no other name,
Adjunct, antecedent fame,
Style nor title do I claim;
Maid or matron, widow, bride,
Of what lineage, how allied,
Tell not to my shame or pride.
Green the branch or gravly mossed,
It must fail; white death, a ghost,
Comes in spring and autumn frost.
Give no date for either fate:
God's design is consummate,
Die we early, die we late.
So of me be nothing shown,
Save that here, where I lie lone,
"Other refuge have I none!"

William Gibson, Lieut., U.S. Navy