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Jacob Gerig and Elisabeth Zimmerman's marriage record (C R Gerig's grandparents). I just finished translating it - see attached document. I included an image of their actual signatures.

Things to notice:

1. **Jacob spells his last name with a K "Kerig"**. This is our first documented signature of his. He eventually changed the spelling to a G "Gerig". He used Kerig exclusively from his marriage in 1816 til the birth of his daughter Catharine in 1827 (11 years) where he spells his surname with an obvious change to "Gerig". From 1827 on up to 1848 he interchanged using Kerig or Gerig every other record. Why? It's a mystery!
2. Elisabeth's parents give their consent for her marriage on the very day of her 18th birthday (July 18, 1816). Not one day sooner or later. I will share why that is significant in another post.
3. Jacob's birth place is listed as Hang. The little valley with 12 farms that now has a Mennonite Bed and Breakfast.
4. Jacob Gerig was obviously friends and possibly neighbors with a couple men named Spony. Remember the "county guard" (military) who was a witness on Christian (Z) Gerig's marriage record? A George Spony, farmer, was a witness on Christian (Z) Gerig's birth record! Half of Jacob Gerig's children's birth records (5 out of 10 records) either have George or Augustin Spony as witnesses (one has both men). Sponys were obviously closely connected with the Gerigs.