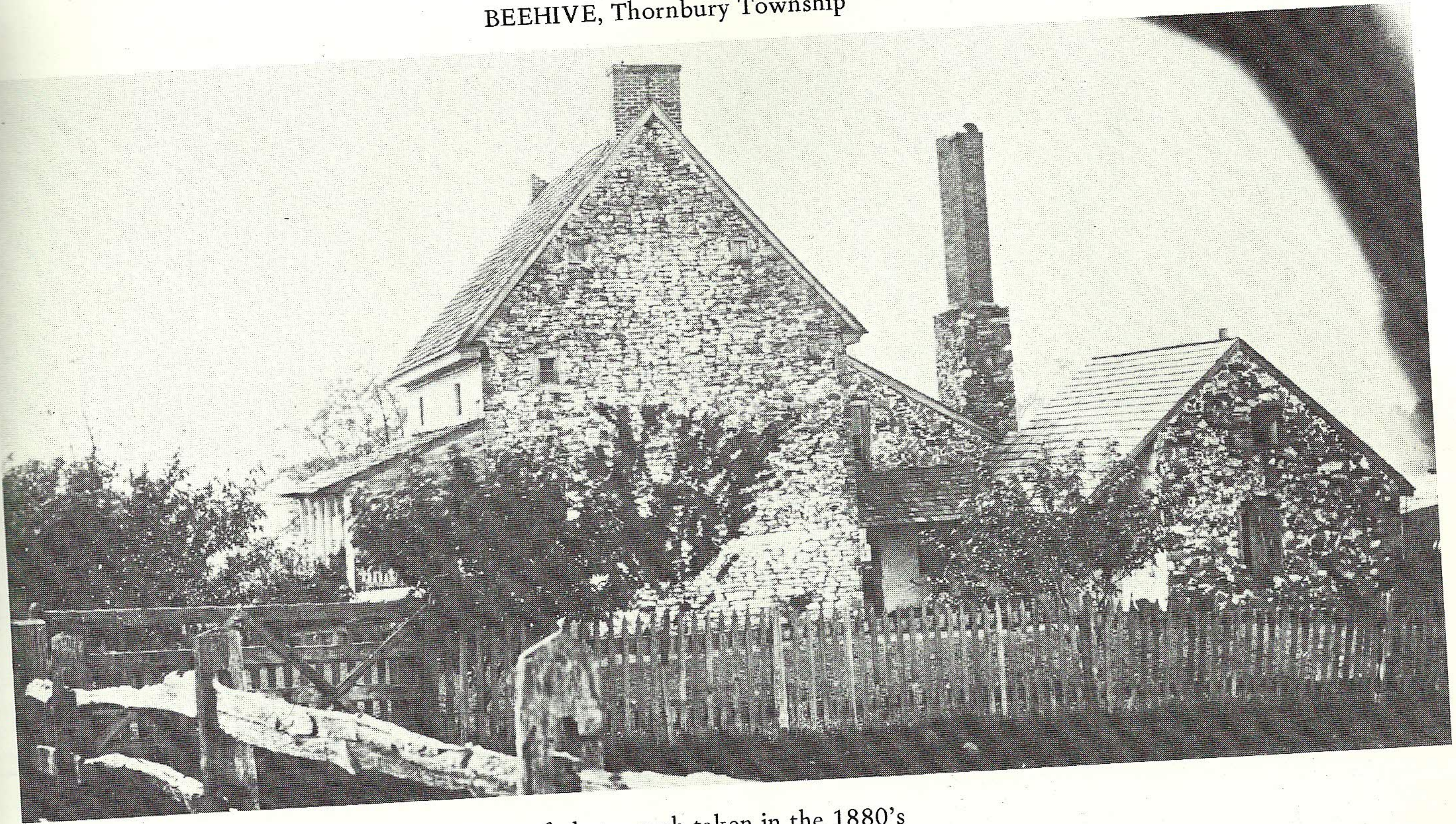


BEEHIVE, Thornbury Township



Copy of photograph taken in the 1880's

The Beehive was built in 1705 by Richard Woodward, who settled on this tract of land in 1687. The site of an earlier house has not been discovered. The original two and a half story house is of stone, twenty-two by thirty feet. There were two rooms on the first and second stories divided by board partitions. The attic was one large room and a cellar is excavated under the west half of the house.

Originally, there was a stairway in both the east and west walls. The ceilings of the first and second story originally were plastered. The house never had baseboards. The summer beam extended below the plaster level. Sometime during the eighteenth century, a wing was added to the north which included a large cooking fireplace, and during the twentieth century, a number of partitions in the house were changed. The tile roof was put on in 1910.



South front and east side