Micro Control Systems

APPLICATION NOTE

APP-021

PC CONN print to a file

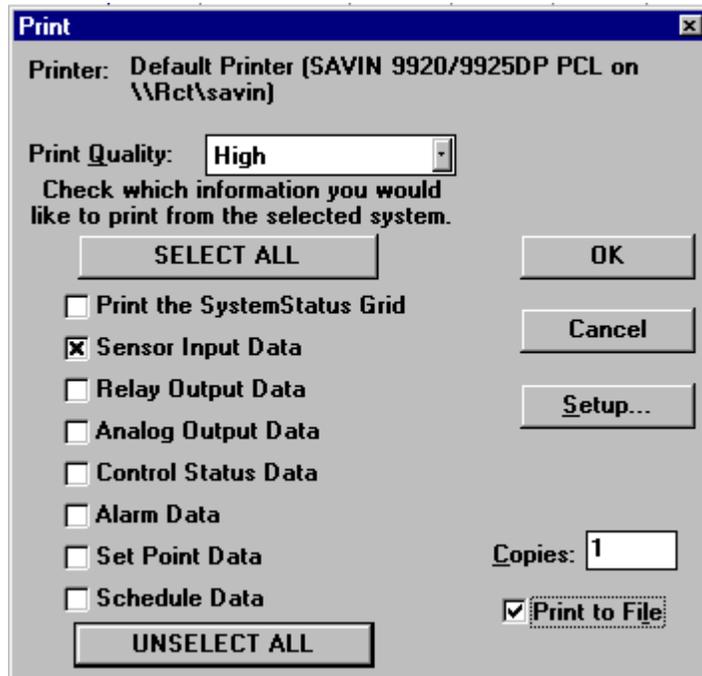## Revision History

Date	Author	Description
9/29/99	R Toney	Using the print to a file option in PC-CONN
7/10/01	J Walterick	Updated to reflect can print multiple items at one time

Theory

How to use the print option of saving a print document to a file in the PC-CONN program.

Save the print document to a file

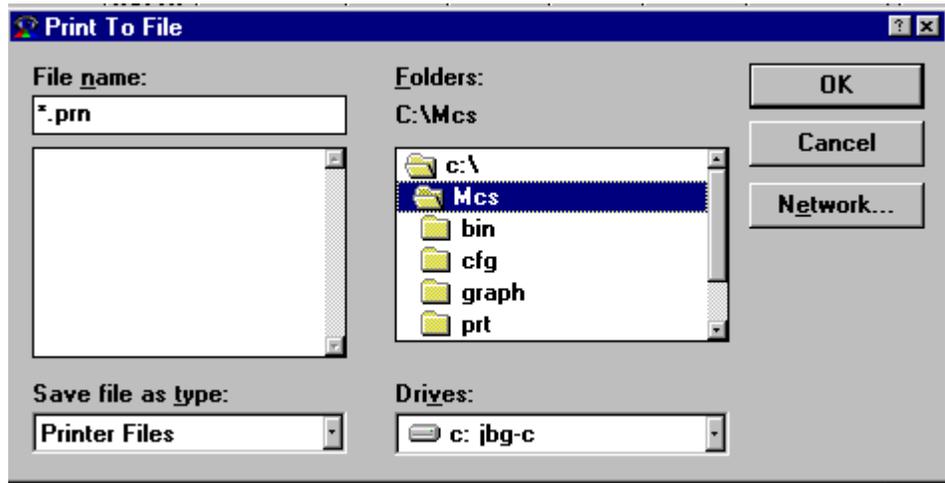*When the print button is selected the following screen appears:*

To save the selected data to a file for later printing, check the Print to File box.
NOTE:

- **Make sure that the printer selected is the printer that will be used at a later time.** All of the printer setup and control strings will be written to the file. When printing these characters could cause problems with a printer different than the one selected!

- **You may select one item, multiple items or all**

When the OK button is selected the following screen appears:

Replace the '*' with the name of the print file and where it is to be saved. A good idea is to put a number or letter as the last of the eight (8) character name to allow multiple prints during the same service call.

When the OK button is selected the control will return to the PC CONN.

To print the saved the print document
- Enter MCS-DOS
- Go to the directory where the file is saved, not necessary but it makes it easier.
- Enter one of the following DOS command: (where filename.prn = the name of the file you saved)

   c:>copy filename.prn lptx (where x = the port where the printer is connected) or

   c:>copy filename.prn prn (if the printer is connected directly to your PC via prn) or

   c:>copy filename.prn \\fileserver\savin (if a network printer that is located on the fileserver device and it is a SAVIN printer. Note SAVIN printer was selected, name of the printer selected.)

Purpose
Enable information to be captured via the PC CONN program and printed at a later time when a printer is available.