

# The Labels & Printers Project

## Quick Tutorial

### Preface

This tutorial demonstrates how to use the website to answer typical questions by providing detailed step-by-step instructions using an example with real clockmakers and printers. The user can duplicate these steps using the website in order to:

- A) Determine approximately when a clock was made by finding when a printer was active,
- B) Determine what printers were at a particular address, and
- C) Find out what clockmakers used that particular printer.

While there are numerous steps in this tutorial in an effort to be extremely clear, it goes quickly. And you will see that all the website functionality works the same way. If you go through this once, you'll know it all.

### Menu Structure

#### **Home**

#### **Labels**

**Search Via Clockmaker** – search for labels using the clockmaker name

**Search Via Printer** – search for labels using the printer name

#### **Printers**

**Search Via Printer Name** – search for printers using a name

**Search Via Addresses** – search for printers using an address

**Search Via Clockmaker** – search for printers using the clockmaker name

#### **Add Label**

**Add Label** – add a label, photos, and related information to the database

**Add Photos to Label** – add additional photos to a label already in the database

#### **Info**

**History of the Project** – who, what, and when

**Supplemental Info** – further information that might be helpful or interesting

**About the Database Data** – sources of data and how it is used

**Database Statistics** – counts of labels and printers in the database

**Queries** – email the website administrator

### Tips and Other Information

- Click on underlined links or on a row (when instructed) to drill-down.
- When a label is added, the information goes into quarantine until the website administrator reviews it.
- The database administrator is available and willing to perform research on printers in cities and years that are not yet in the database. Just ask via the Queries page.

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## Tutorial Example

Suppose you have a clock with a label which has the statement:

*T.S. Sprague....Printer / Hartford Conn.*

You wish to find out when that printer operated - which will help identify when the clock was made – and whatever other information is available.

### A) Query: When was a Printer Active?

1. In the Menu, hover the cursor over **Printers** and select **Search Via Printer Name**.



2. Now you see this page in the browser. The pink box gives a brief instruction and allows the user to type in text with which to search the database.



3. Following the instructions in the pink box, enter a portion of the printer name. In this example, type in **spr**.



4. Two printers are shown that match the typed-in search (above). Click on **Sprague, T. Spencer**. The result is shown on the right.

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The screenshot shows the 'The Labels & Printers Project' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, LABELS, PRINTERS, ADD LABEL, INFO, and QUERIES. Below the navigation bar, the title 'Find Printers → Search via Name' is displayed. On the left, there is a search box with the text 'Enter a portion of a Printer Name below and then click on a resulting row to see details. A maximum of 50 matching names will be listed.' The search box contains the text 'spr'. Below the search box, there are two results: 'Sprague, Charles Hartford CT' and 'Sprague, T. Spencer Hartford CT'. On the right, there is a table titled 'Printer: Sprague, T. Spencer'. The table has columns: Year, Occupation, Office or Work Location, Home Address, and Source/Page. The table contains two rows: 1845 and 1846. The 1845 row shows 'Printer' occupation, '193 1/2 Main St. Hartford CT' as the office location, '1 Chapel St. Hartford CT' as the home address, and 'HCTCD1845/93' as the source. The 1846 row shows 'Printer' occupation, '193 1/2 Main St. Hartford CT' as the office location, '284 1/2 Main St. 2nd. Hartford CT' as the home address, and 'HCTCD1846/93' as the source.

Year	Occupation	Office or Work Location	Home Address	Source/Page
1845	Printer	193 1/2 Main St. Hartford CT	1 Chapel St. Hartford CT	HCTCD1845/93
1846	Printer	193 1/2 Main St. Hartford CT	284 1/2 Main St. 2nd. Hartford CT	HCTCD1846/93

5. You can see that T.S. Sprague's occupation was a printer in 1845 and 1846. In this result, the database has both his work location and his home address.
6. Hover the cursor over the underlined Source/Page. A small popup will appear stating "Geer's Hartford City Directory for 1846". Thus, you can understand that this person - with occupation printer and at these two addresses - appeared in the City Directory that year on page 93.
7. **Voilà! Now you can make a reasonable assumption that this label was probably printed in 1845 or 1846 (recognizing that each city directory is as of a certain date).**

## B) Query: Which Printers Used This Address?

8. Let's go one step further and find out what printers used this work location and when. Click on the underlined **193 1/2 Main St.**

The screenshot shows the same website as before, but with an arrow pointing to the underlined '193 1/2 Main St.' in the 1846 row of the table. The table is titled 'Printer: Sprague, T. Spencer' and has columns: Year, Occupation, Office or Work Location, Home Address, and Source/Page. The table contains two rows: 1845 and 1846. The 1845 row shows 'Printer' occupation, '193 1/2 Main St. Hartford CT' as the office location, '1 Chapel St. Hartford CT' as the home address, and 'HCTCD1845/93' as the source. The 1846 row shows 'Printer' occupation, '193 1/2 Main St. Hartford CT' as the office location, '284 1/2 Main St. 2nd. Hartford CT' as the home address, and 'HCTCD1846/93' as the source.

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9. The selected address is transferred to the Find Printers -> Search via Address page and the search is performed automatically. You will see this:

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Find Printers → Search via Address

Enter a portion of a **Street Number** and/or **Name** below and then click on a resulting row to see details. A maximum of 50 matching addresses will be listed.

193% Main St

193% Main St. Hartford CT

10. Click on the result from the search.

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11. The result is that the newspaper Hartford Patriot and State Eagle was located at this address in 1843 and 1844, as was James Holbrook.

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Enter a portion of a **Street Number** and/or **Name** below and then click on a resulting row to see details. A maximum of 50 matching addresses will be listed.

193% Main St

193% Main St. Hartford CT

Printer Address: 193% Main St.

Year	PrinterName	Office or Work Location	Home Address	Source/Page
1843	<a href="#">Hartford Patriot and State Eagle</a>	193% Main St. Hartford CT		<a href="#">HCT000843/72</a>
1843	<a href="#">Holbrook, James</a>	193% Main St. Hartford CT	271 Main St. Hartford CT	<a href="#">HCT000843/72</a>
1844	<a href="#">Hartford Patriot and State Eagle</a>	193% Main St. Hartford CT		<a href="#">HCT000844/89</a>
1845	<a href="#">Sorsaque, T. Spencer</a>	193% Main St. Hartford CT	3 Chapel St. Hartford CT	<a href="#">HCT000845/93</a>
1846	<a href="#">Sorsaque, T. Spencer</a>	193% Main St. Hartford CT	294% Main St. 2nd. Hartford CT	<a href="#">HCT000846/93</a>

You can click on the underlined [Hartford Patriot and State Eagle](#) (not done here) to search. You would find that it was printed at a different address in 1841 and 1842.

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## C) Query: What Clockmakers Used a Particular Printer?

12. Now, let's see what clockmakers were known to use T.S. Sprague to print labels. (This information has been obtained from label information uploaded to the database.)

In the Menu, hover over **Labels** and click on **Search Via Printer Name**.



13. Now you see this page in the browser. The pink box gives a brief instruction and allows the user to type in text with which to search the database.



14. Following the instructions in the pink box, enter a portion of the printer name. In this case, type in **spr**.



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15. In this case, there is only one result that matches the typed-in search. Click on the row containing the printer name **Sprague, T. Spencer**. The clockmakers' labels which used Mr. Sprague are displayed on the right.

The screenshot shows the website's search interface. On the left, a search box contains 'tpr' and a red box highlights the instructions: 'Enter a portion of a Printer Name below and then click on a resulting row to see details. A maximum of 50 matching names - which have existed labels - will be listed.' Below the search box, a list of results is shown, with 'Sprague, T. Spencer Hartford CT' highlighted and an arrow pointing to it. On the right, a panel titled 'Printer: Sprague, T. Spencer' displays a table of clockmaker info on labels.

Clockmaker Info on Label				
Name	Street	City	State	Photos
Boardman, C.		Bristol	CT	
Boardman, Chauncey		Bristol	CT	
Brewster & Ingrahams		Bristol	CT	
Webster, H.		Burlington	CT	

16. Now we can go one or two steps further.

In this case, all of the icons below Photos are disabled; if any photos had been uploaded then the icon would be active and you could display the photos by clicking on the icon.

17. Now click on any of the rows containing a clockmaker's name, such as Chauncey, Boardman. Descriptive information about the clock is displayed along with a pseudo-label. In this case, we see that the movement in the clock with this label was a 30-hour wood movement. Further information about the clock is not available, which is typical of the historically-collected label information in the database.

The screenshot shows the website's details page for 'Boardman, Chauncey'. The search box still contains 'tpr'. The printer panel on the right is the same as in the previous screenshot. Below the printer panel, a table shows clock movement details:

Movement Type	Case Style	Columns/Pillars	Spots/Combs	Finials	Feet
Wood 30 hr	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Below the table, a large image of a clock label is displayed. The label text reads: 'Boardman, Chauncey', 'Bristol, CT', 'T. S. Sprague...Printer....', and '193 1/2 Main St., Hartford, CT'. An arrow points to the 'Boardman, Chauncey' row in the printer panel, indicating the source of the label.

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## Additionally...

By selecting the Menu item **Labels** -> **Search Via Clockmaker**, you can see all the label information for a particular clockmaker that are in the database.

To see information about the data sources in the Labels and Printers databases, select the Menu item **Info** -> **About the Database Data**.

Go ahead and browse through any of the website's pages. You can't break it! [Probably...]