

**House of Russell
American Legal History Final Exam**

1993 QUESTION ONE

What is the importance of equality--the ideal and the practice--in the history of American law from colonial times to the 1950s?

END OF QUESTION ONE

1993 QUESTION TWO

In the Documents, you have a selection from Jesse Root's Introduction to *Reports of Cases*. . . . (Documents, pp. 148-170). Root originally published this volume in 1796. The edition that you have is a reprint edition from 1899.

How would a lawyer alive in 1899 have reacted to Root's Introduction? What parts of Root's presentation would continue to appear relevant or accurate to a lawyer at the end of the 19th century? What parts would seem archaic? In what ways would the reader of 1899 regard the nature of law differently than Root? If a lawyer-reader of 1899 were to write such an introduction, what might he (or possibly she) include?

END OF QUESTION TWO