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In 1946 and 1947 the author carried out research at Harvard University under the guidance of Professor Edward M. Purcell. The results were communicated in a frequently cited paper, often referred to as BPP, after the authors Bloembergen, Purcell and Pound. The same material appeared in my 1948 Ph. D. Leiden thesis "Nuclear Magnetic Relaxation." Some personal interactions with Ed Purcell and Bob Pound in these early and in later years at Harvard will be recounted.