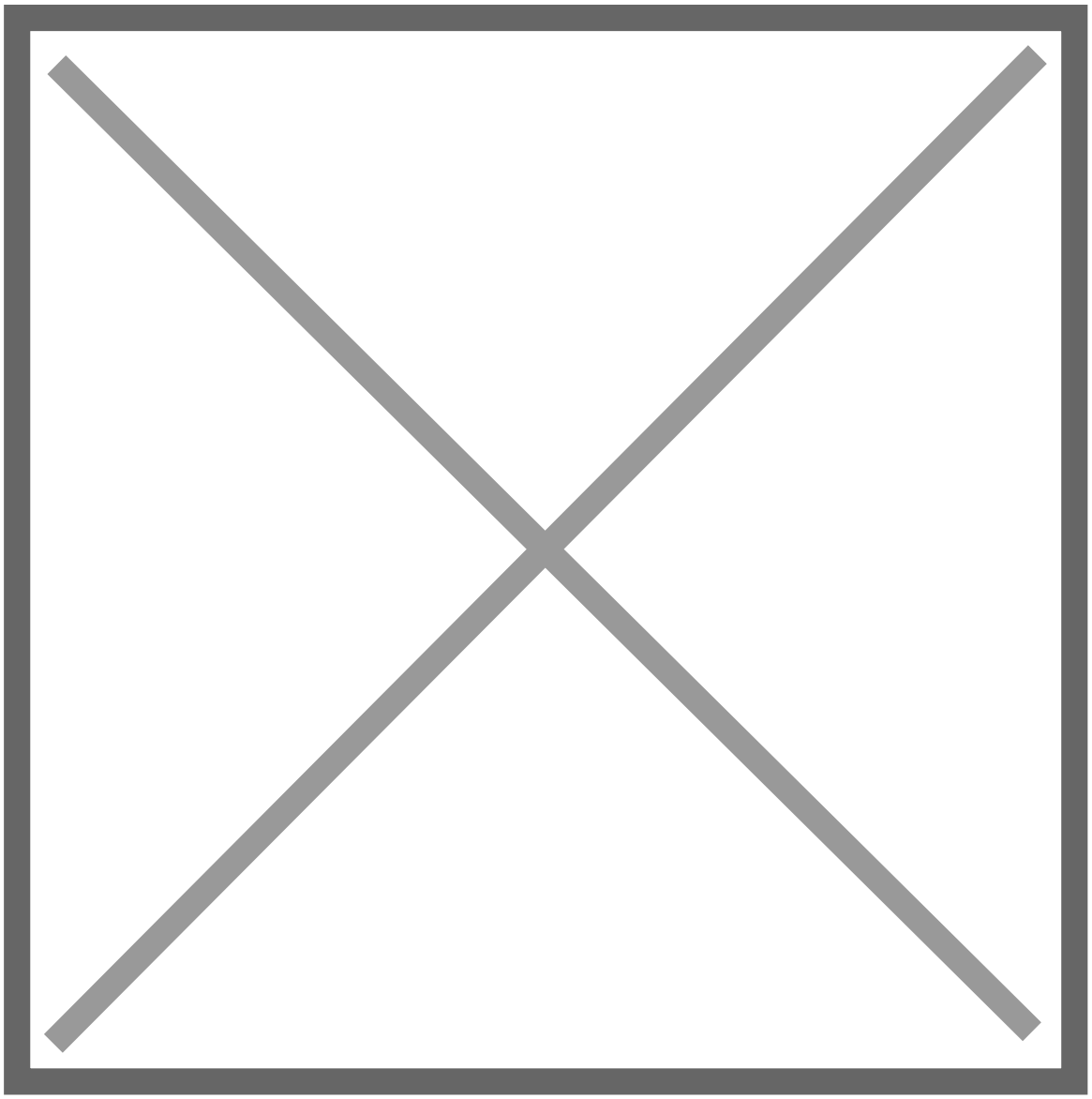
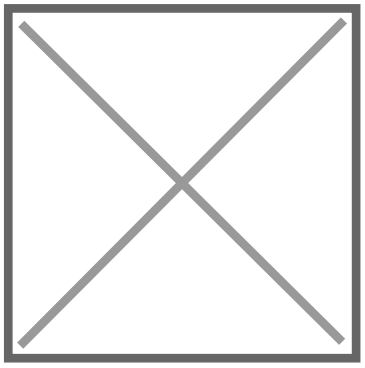
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The inside of the tea bowl bears a small print of a tree growing on a rock. It is said that this is a palmetto, a type of small palm tree that is native to South Carolina.

Shape Type
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Pattern Type
Chinese, Asian and Other Exotic Themes
Date
1765-1769
Dimensions

- Diameter: 7.50 in (19.05 cm)

Maker
John Bartlam (Cain Hoy South Carolina)

Description:

This tea bowl is an example of the very rare group of bone ash softpaste porcelain, made by John Bartlam at Cain Hoy near Charleston between c1765-69. This is now recognised as the first porcelain to have been produced in America. Bartlam had left Staffordshire about 1763 to travel to Charleston with the object of setting up a pottery. Shards of porcelain excavated at Cain
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