# **Basic Detail Report**



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#### **Title**

Together a New Beginning

#### **Date**

1981

#### **Primary Maker**

Michael Anthony Ricker

#### Medium

Metal (pewter), Wood

### Description

A pewter sculpture titled "Together A New Beginning" by

Michael Anthony Ricker. The sculpture depicts a Native American with a pioneer man. The Native American kneels between a log and the pioneer, looking up at him. The pioneer man is looking forward and holding a rifle in a case. The sculpture is mounted on a wooden base.

#### Dimensions

 $11 \times 11 \times 9$  in. (27.9 × 27.9 × 22.9 cm)

#### **Historical Note**

https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/michael-ricker-obituary?pid=179398195 MICHAEL ANTHONY RICKER In Michael's lifetime, he became an internationally acclaimed artist and sculptor and produced highly sought-after artwork. He formed The Michael Ricker Casting Studios located in Estes Park, Colorado in 1968 and continued the business until he passed away from complications of an aneurysm on January 7, 2006. Michael established himself as an internationally recognized artist and sculptor and was regarded as one of the most collected artists in the world. These accomplishments were enhanced through a number of commissions and presentations of his unique works-of-art. In March, 1982, a presentation was made to President Ronald Reagan of a special limited-edition sculpture created by Michael titled "Together a New Beginning." In 1976, he presented his masterpiece titled, "Turn of the Century Park" to former President Gerald Ford as a gift to the United States during its bicentennial celebration in Washington, D.C. It was displayed during the Bi-Centennial in the Great Hall of Commerce in Washington, D.C. The President was so impressed with this gift to the Nation that he encouraged Michael to complete his. Over the next nine years, Michael did just that. While sculpting beautiful collectibles for his thousands of collectors, he also continued work on Park City including segments such as the Park Carousel, Riverboat, Circus Parade, Fire House, Town Hall and Main Street. In 1985, he completed the city, which he named "Park City - America

Remembered" and presented it to President and Mrs. Ford at a gala in Denver attended by celebrities, dignitaries and collectors from all over the world.  $\cdot$  In 1987, a presentation was made to His Holiness Pope John Paul, II

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