Thank you for enquiring about George Musgrave (my father).
George was born in the East End of London in 1915 where he grew up in poverty with his mother in one cramped upstairs room, following the death of his father during the WW1 Battle of Cambrai (see the story The Dad I Never Knew, and his tale is recounted in the BBC documentary ‘What did you do in the Great War, Daddy’).
In his twenties George became a Congregation Minister serving firstly in the bomb-shattered community of Greenwich, then in Hampshire, before working overseas in British Guiana.

On returning to the UK in 1954 George made use of his artistic talents by sculpting polythene toys which he made in his factory, GeModels Ltd, in Heathfield.

On his retirement, he set out to follow the journeys of St Paul and recorded his findings in a series of over fifty oil paintings. He displayed these paintings, and a myriad of other artefacts, in a museum, firstly based in Heathfield, then at Patcham Windmill, and finally in Eastbourne.

We regret, following George’s death in 2012, the museum ‘The Musgrave Collection’ is now closed, but you can still make a virtual visit by means of the website: musgravemuseum.co.uk. (temporarily unavailable)

Besides dabbling in Politics (he stood for parliament as well as in local elections) he wrote several books, most of which are obtainable from amazon.co.uk

You may be interested in his autobiography – A Speck of Dust
his story about St Paul and the apocryphal Thekla – Paul and Thekla
his researches into St Paul’s shipwreck – Friendly Refuge
or about the Romans in Eastbourne – Whatever Happened to Anderida.

Personally, beside him being my father, I found him an engaging speaker; and because I believe his poetry to be very inspiring and moving I have compiled these into one 200-page volume – Press on Brave Hearts.

I have also collated some of his religious paintings into the book – The Journeys of St Paul from the Paintings of George Musgrave. (obtainable from amazon.co.uk)

His novel, A Mug’s Game, was published posthumously in 2015.

George was happily married to his wife Muriel for over fifty years, and had four sons and a daughter, several of whom have lived overseas in Australia, Bangladesh, and Yemen. One son was awarded an OBE by The Queen for services rendered to the youth of London.

Andrew Musgrave
(Author of Fun Runs and Guns, and Samak Fishing in Yemen)
The Journeys of St Paul

from the paintings by
George Musgrave

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The book is a compilation of the 40 oil paintings by George Musgrave (1915-2012) and currently on display at St Elizabeth’s Church, Eastbourne, United Kingdom